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Graduation time —Granite City High School class of 1998 valedictorian Timothy Dittman, left, and salutatorian Salina Morlen, center, review the program prior to the start of the graduation ceremony as their classmates take their seats. Seated next to them on the right is Julie Wilkinson, who sang the national anthem to mark the beginning of the ceremony. More photos on Page 1C.

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Pollution concerns raised

Employers urged to assist effort

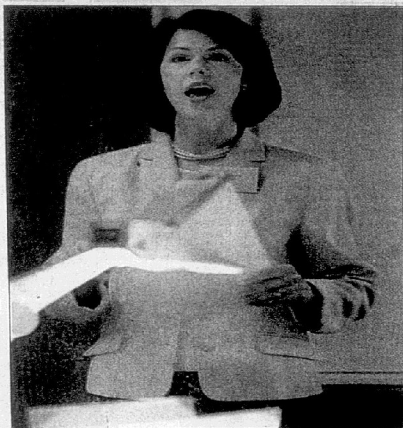
By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

It was a green air quality day because of rain and cooler temperatures, but the red days will be coming back.

With the typical hot and humid St. Louis area summer coming, environmental and health officials have started the annual warnings about ozone levels.

About 50 representatives of Illinois businesses attended two conferences Thursday on air quality. The conferences were hosted by the American Lung Association of Illinois, and featured speakers from RideFinders, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois EPA.

Karen Lanter of the American Lung Association of Illinois said the (See POLLUTION, Page 6A)



Jane Smith of RideFinders addresses a conference on air quality.

SCOTT COUSINS / Press-Record

EPA seeking public dialogue

Hearing is sparsely attended

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Communicating with the public is one problem the EPA hopes to overcome.

Environmental Protection Agency officials visited the area Thursday and Friday last week to update residents on the NL Industries-TaraCorp Superfund site cleanup's progress and answer any questions they had. Only a dozen people attended the open meeting Friday in Granite City Hall. Noemi Emeric, community involvement coordinator, said she was the liaison person for the community to talk to the EPA or state and local governments to resolve issues sur-

rounding the cleanup.

"What is the best way for the EPA to communicate with the community (and) getting you information," she asked. Information for last week's meeting was spread through a mailing to all the residents within the cleanup site radius. "From the turnout tonight, either people didn't receive those letters or this was a bad day to hold a meeting."

EPA officials announced at the meeting that they will be turning cleanup efforts over to the companies that contaminated the soil. Those companies would in the long run be able to save money, said Brad Bradley, one of the EPA's remedial pro-

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Base's future is uncertain

Military may dispose of portions of installation

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Base has many assets, 6A

The future of the Charles Melvin Price Support Base is uncertain once again, but whether that is good or bad news remains to be seen.

Lt. Col. Keith Armstrong, commander of the base, explained future possibilities for the facility to numerous community leaders Wednesday morning for the Granite City Rotary Club's Community Action Prayer Breakfast. Present were members of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce; Jim Pennekamp, executive director of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois; various Granite City officials, including Mayor Ron Selph; former Madison Mayor John Bellcoff; and Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa.

What the base faces, Armstrong said, is an ROE, or Report of Excess, which means the military would close all or portions of an installation without tacking on any federal money to help the surrounding community

absorb a base.

It is distinctly different from a BRAC, or Base Realignment and Closing effort, he said, which is a closure mandated by Congress, and includes federal money to help incorporate the infrastructure and base assets into the community.

"This is something I've never dealt with before; it's something very few people in the military have dealt with before up until the last few years when we got instructions to start downsizing," Armstrong said.

Nothing is definite at this point, Armstrong said, except that the base does face an ROE.

"This is the most unusual and smallest installation that I've ever been associated with in my 41 years of being associated with the military," Armstrong said. "There is no 'go to war' mission, there are no

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Edwardsville plan to cut into Mitchell

Proposal would leave 350 people unable to be included in incorporation effort

By Becky Vollmer
Staff writer

Edwardsville's plan to annex additional land in the American Bottoms will do more than add acreage to the city of Edwardsville.

The move also would cut a significant arm off the main body of the proposed Mitchell.

News of the city's intent to annex about 150 acres on the west side of Illinois 255, the extension of Interstate 255 that is expected to be completed later this year, came as a surprising blow Tuesday to organizers of the Mitchell incorporation effort.

Edwardsville's plan to annex the land means about 350 people who want to be part of the proposed Mitchell would be cut off, said Rich Mueller, an incorporation organizer.

He said Tuesday that not having those property owners involved in the incorporation effort would be a blow but that it would not discourage residents who have been pushing for about a year to form a new municipality.

"Even without that area, we'll still continue on."

'We have requested to see these municipalities, especially Granite City, and they have refused to see us. We are communicating through our attorneys.'

Rich Mueller
Mitchell organizer

Edwardsville Alderman Brent Bates said the intent of the annexation is not necessarily to steal part of Mitchell, as incorporation proponents accused, but that limiting Mitchell west of the interstate extension is a smart move.

"It makes sense geographically that the area (to be annexed) be part of Edwardsville," he said Tuesday. "To have part of Mitchell litera-

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JOHN FRIESE / Press-Record

Vacation! —The rain didn't dampen the spirits of Worthen Elementary School students as they started their summer vacation Monday morning. In the front of a group of students are third graders Cori Boone and Andrea Dodson.

OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Tax code must be simplified

Average taxpayer spends nearly 10 hours in preparation

By Carol Moseley-Braun

This year, approximately 120 million American filed some type of tax return to the Internal Revenue Service. Of these taxpayers, more than 40 percent filed the short tax forms known as the 1040EZ, or the 1040 long form.

These two forms are designed to be simple and easy to complete, but Americans paid millions of dollars to tax preparers to fill out these forms in their stead to avoid making a mistake and facing the wrath of the Internal Revenue Service.

The perception is that the tax code is too complicated, and frankly, we have good reasons to be concerned. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997, passed by Congress last year, and hailed as providing significant tax relief to every American, added over a million words and 315 pages to the Internal Revenue Code. Consequently, the average taxpayers spent nine hours and 54 minutes preparing Form 1040 for the 1997 tax year. The total burden on all taxpayers of maintaining records and preparing and filing tax returns is estimated to be in excess of 1.6 million hours this year.

Filing taxes doesn't have to be the overwhelming task that it is, and it definitely should not be as unpleasant as it is to get a simple answer addressed by an IRS representative. My office is flooded each year with calls and letters from taxpayers who are fed up with the lack of service. These calls span the spectrum — from Illinois residents who have been verbally abused and harassed by IRS auditors to Illinois residents who are frustrated with not being able to get a simple question answered quickly by a pleasant, knowledgeable person.

I think we can all agree that we need to fix this system. But fixing the system is not just about simplifying the tax code — it's also about changing the climate at the IRS. I recently voted in favor of a bill that will fundamentally restructure the IRS. This is the first step in revamping how our tax system works.

Several amendments that I authored were included in this bill. One would allow taxpayers to reincrease reimbursements for legal fees and other expenses incurred while successfully defending themselves in disputes with the IRS.

I also sponsored a provision to strengthen confidentiality protections for accountants and

'Filing taxes doesn't have to be the overwhelming task that it is, and it definitely should not be as unpleasant as it is to get a simple answer addressed by an IRS representative.'

other tax advisers. This would give taxpayers equal confidentiality protections for their discussions with all federally authorized tax advisers, not just attorneys. This will allow low-income taxpayers, who often cannot afford attorneys, the same privileges and benefits that other taxpayers enjoy.

Senior counselor to the National Taxpayers Union, David Keating, strongly agrees with my efforts. "Senator Moseley-Braun's bill gives taxpayers equal confidentiality protections for their discussions with all federally authorized tax advisers, not just attorneys. It's just common sense."

I also secured an increase in farmers' eligibility for inheritance tax relief by correcting a technical glitch in the tax code.

Another important section of this legislation protects people who are inadvertently targeted by the tax code. For example, new protections for innocent spouses are included in the bill.

The primary focus for this bill was to give taxpayers improved rights by reforming IRS liability and legal procedures, changing interest and penalty rates, and changing interest and penalty rates, and restructuring audit and collections procedures. The bill made the IRS more accountable in its auditing practices, and gave the IRS commissioner the statutory authority to make structural and personnel decisions to improve the agency.

These are critical changes in the nature of our tax code and the way it is enforced. These changes will put the service back into the Internal Revenue Service.

Carol Moseley-Braun is a U.S. Senator from Illinois.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Violence at schools not a big surprise

TO THE EDITOR:
There is no silver bullet that will prevent all school violence in a democracy. We could, of course, make our schools over into fortresses. Few would or should opt for this option.

We could and should make sure that handheld metal detectors are readily available for school officials and school bus drivers. A closed campus and uniforms would buy a ton of safety. So would citizen school duty (similar to jury duty). Mandated parental attendance during school orientation in August would go a long way toward enlisting the most key element of all: "supportive parents." Both school and law enforcement officials should address parents at this orientation.

Meanwhile, our state and federal legislators may soon be under fire to appropriate funding that would finance armed security at all senior highs and middle schools; the 70,000 new local officers hired with federal assistance dollars may have to be shifted to the schools where three-fourths of their working days would be on, or near campus.

No. We're not going to get the thugs and street gangs to give up their guns. Many of the latter are in our schools now. No. We're not going to get law-abiding Americans to give up their guns, not without a rebellion by millions of Americans.

Yes. There may be a new job requisite for school administration before this is all over — in that some will have to qualify and carry a firearm on campus. Is this a different country or what? I, for one, am not too surprised by a nation that permits a winking drug usage and a nation that has been debunking dad, the family and our Judeo-Christian values.

J.W. "SKIP" BENNETT
Director of the
Southwestern Illinois
Law Enforcement Commission

Parking courtesy is being misused

TO THE EDITOR:
Since my wife became partially handicapped, I have noticed something that I would have never expected to be true. The misuse of parking spaces that are reserved for the handicapped appears to be by people who have handicapped plates or tags. The reason I find this to be so amazing is that it is these very people who should most appreciate how difficult it can be for the handicapped when the handicapped spaces are full.

I realize that there are probably many times when "misuse" would be subject to interpretation. I have probably had people wonder why I parked in a handicapped space because I take my wife to the car in a store-provided wheelchair, take the chair back in the store, and freely return to the car and obviously unimpeded by a

handicap. I have seen enough variations of the below examples to give me a high degree of assurance that misuse is indeed prevalent. Once again, in these few examples, all the cars had some type of state-issued handicapped identification.

The first example is when the driver actually runs out of the store, throws the purchase on the car seat and drives off. There is no one else in the car. The second example is when a car with two people in it occupies a handicap spot. One occupant, with no obvious physical problems, gets out of the car and goes shopping leaving the handicapped person in the car. It seems to me that the handicap parking spots should only be used if it is to benefit the handicapped person, not the driver for the handicapped person.

The third example involves vacating the parking space in a timely manner. The most extreme example of this I have seen is when we saw a couple exiting the store and going to their pickup parked in a handicapped space. About the time they got to their truck, they started talking with someone they met. Quite a while later when we were coming out of the store I saw the same people standing outside the truck engaged in conversation.

I don't think people should have to move from their preferred parking to the general lot just to exchange a few seconds of pleasantness, but I don't think it is right to hog a spot while others with mobility problems have to park far from the store so extended

conversations can take place. People with handicapped parking permits have been extended a courtesy. I think they should show their gratitude by not misusing the courtesy but willingly share it with their fellow handicapped.

CHARLES ECKERT
Collinsville

Written word amusing

TO THE EDITOR:
Have you ever wondered about the American English written word? The British invented English but we spell some words differently. When I see words like "Mississippi" I can't help but wonder.

Somewhere at the top of the literary world there must have been someone who had too much to drink one day and decided to have a little fun. The lower levels have been busy conforming ever since.

Just think of all the extra keys they have had to punch. No wonder carpal tunnel syndrome is such a problem.

It makes it kind of tough on us old, retired, blue collar folks with a GED. Sometimes I have trouble even spelling my own name.

As a retired plumber you would be surprised by how much graffiti written on toilet partitions I have read. Much of it is very inspired. Any professional writers who have a problem coming up with things to write about might try sitting on a "porta potty" in front of their typewriters to enhance inspiration. Just a thought.

CHUCK FISCHER
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VOICE BOX

What was the happiest day in your life so far

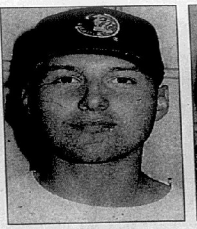
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"When I came back to the United States after the Korean War was over."
Tom McCaw, 64
O'Fallon
Retired



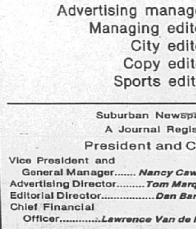
"May 8, 1945, the day World War II ended in Europe, because I was headed for home."
Frank Spears, 75
Cahokia
Retired



"The day I found out my mom did not have lung cancer."
Patricia Sheemaker, 59
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"The day my sister got married, because I didn't have to worry about her anymore."
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NEWS IN REVIEW

Editor's note: News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

Mitchell supporters trim map

MITCHELL — Organizers of the effort to incorporate Mitchell have revised their proposed boundaries. They said last week they have made some big concessions to appease neighboring communities that opposed the initial plan. Madison County officials called that good news and said they hope a settlement can be worked out before the issue comes back before the County Board this month or next. Land near Edwardsville, Pontoon Beach and Granite City was cut from the incorporation map, trimming the municipality that could be Mitchell by about a third, said resident Rich Mueller, an incorporation organizer. The overall proposal was cut from 22 square miles to about 14. The initial boundaries abutted other municipalities, angering officials who feared being boxed in. That prompted a quick land-grab for unincorporated property, especially in the 2,700-acre Gateway Commerce Center, and a court battle over whether the Mitchell Incorporation would be allowed.

New Probation Office opens

MADISON — The opening of new probation offices in Madison and East Alton will be a major improvement for both probation officers and the people they serve. The new Madison office, located at the old city hall on Third Street, had a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday morning. Several city and county officials attended. Chief Probation Officer Herb Clay, a Chicago native who has been with the department 23 years, will head the dozen or so probation officers working out of the new location. Within a week or so, he said, they would also have some kind of open house. He said they will have approximately 700 to 800 cases. Most of the department's case load is in the Granite City and Alton areas. The move to local offices is part of a national trend, Clay said.

EPA turning Superfund cleanup over to private sector

GRANITE CITY — The Superfund cleanup of contaminants in the Granite City area should continue as usual after private companies take over decontamination duties, EPA officials say. Environmental Protection Agency officials visited the area Thursday and Friday last week to update residents on the NL Industries-Taracorp Superfund site cleanup's progress and answer any questions they had. About a dozen people attended the open meeting Friday night in Granite City Hall. EPA officials announced that they will be turning cleanup efforts over to the companies that contaminated the soil. Those companies would in the long run be able to save money, said Brad Bradley, one of the EPA's remedial project managers for this area. So far, the EPA has spent \$38 million on the cleanup, all of which it expects to recover from the responsible companies, Bradley said. The EPA will still have oversight over the cleanup, he said. For the time being OHM Remediation Services will continue to perform residential property cleanups, Bradley said, but under a different funding source, to date, more than 775 residential properties have been cleaned, with another 450 waiting to be serviced by the deadline, June 30, 1999.

Sheriff warns of scam methods

EDWARDSVILLE — Madison County Sheriff Bob Churchill is warning residents and business owners of a potential scam involving advertisements for a police yearbook. Friday, Churchill said he had received complaints from a business in the Granite City area about a man who called himself Mike Davis and said he was soliciting ads for the Sheriff Department Yearbook. "He indicated that it is published four times per year," Churchill said. He said the only real such organization in the state is the Illinois Sheriff's Association, and they do not solicit by telephone. Churchill added that he called the organization and was told they had no knowledge of the advertisements. "Whoever it is, they will send a guy right by to pick up the check, and by tonight they will be gone," he said. Churchill added that if anybody has been solicited, they should call his department at 692-6087. He said such scams are fairly common.

'Troubadour' set for Shrine stage

Youth Sing Praise will present "Troubadour" at 7 p.m. June 27 in the Outdoor Amphitheatre at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Admission is free. For more information, contact Paul Lindauer, director of youth ministry at the Shrine, at 397-6700.

River Road wins recognition

50-mile stretch is designated a National Scenic Byway

By Ande Yakstis
Staff writer

The Great River Road reached a milestone as a tourist attraction Tuesday when it was designated a National Scenic Byway.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater officially proclaimed a 50-mile stretch of the Great River Road, from Alton to Kampsville, as a National Scenic Byway.

"National Scenic Byways are exceptional roads that exemplify regional characteristics of the nation's culture, history and landscape," Slater said. "The scenic byway provides a taste of real Americana."

The honor is a giant step forward in the life of the River Bend community, said Doug Arnold, president of the Great River Road Visitors Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"It's phenomenal for the future of the area. The national spotlight now shines on the Great River Road as a scenic attraction to visitors from across the country and across the world."

The National Scenic Byway designation was presented in Washington, D.C., to Wayne Freeman, executive director of the local Great Rivers Land Preservation Association, a prime mover in promoting the designation.

"We are delighted to be mentioned with other existing National Scenic Byways such as the Blue Ridge Parkway and Pacific Coast Highway," Freeman said.

The bluff-lined road along the Mississippi and Illinois rivers will officially be named the "Meeting of the Great Rivers Scenic Byway." The two great rivers, the Mississippi and Illinois, meet at Grafton along the path of the scenic roadway," Arnold said.

The Great River Scenic Byway starts at Melvin Price Locks and Dam in Alton and follows the Great River Road along the white bluffs of Godfrey and Elmhurst to Grafton.

The roadway continues on Illinois Route 16 then along Eldred Road to Eldred and across the Illinois River to Kampsville.

"The Great River Road is a national treasure of natural beauty for visitors from all over the country for all seasons of the year," Arnold said. Grafton Mayor Bobbie Amburg described the designation as a historic day in the life of the River Bend.

"It's a great day for the future of local communities," said Amburg, chairwoman of the steering committee for the scenic byway.

Along the road from Alton to Kampsville, visitors can see the splendor of summer in the woods and a spectacular display of colors in the fall,

Amburg said.

As a National Scenic Byway, it opens the River Road to many possibilities as a tourist attraction and to preserve its beauty. We want to keep the land along the Great River Road in its natural state as much as possible."

People from Alton to Eldred teamed up to promote the road as a National Scenic Byway, Amburg said.

Some of the groups who

mustered support for the application were the Illinois Department of Transportation, Alton Lake Heritage Parkway Commission, Great Rivers Land Trust and Greater Alton/Twin Rivers Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Alton Lake Heritage Parkway Commission originally sparked the campaign.

"It's a culmination of years of work by the Great Rivers Land Trust and people in the

communities along the river," said Annie Hoagland, chairwoman of the commission. "The communities along the road can be proud. They are now members in a very exclusive club."

The National Scenic Byway status will open communities along the road for federal grants, Hoagland said. The steering committee has applied for about \$1.4 million in federal grants.

Honor may help draw tourists

By Ande Yakstis
Staff writer

The Great River Road's designation as a National Scenic Byway could attract two million new visitors a year to the River Bend, a tourism official said.

"The Great River Road as a National Scenic Byway will be a boon to tourism in the River Bend communities," said Doug Arnold, president of the Greater Alton/Twin Rivers Convention and Visitors Bureau.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater disclosed Tuesday that the Great River Road has been awarded an "exceptional" status as a National Scenic Byway.

The 50-mile stretch of Great River Road from Alton to Kampsville will be called "Meeting of the Great Rivers Scenic Byway." "The National Scenic Byway enables Americans to enjoy the roads that are important to us culturally, historically and aesthetically," Slater said.

An estimated two to three million people a year visit communities around the picturesque Great River Road, Arnold said. "The national status of the Great River Road as a scenic byway could double the number of tourists to the River Bend area in five years," Arnold said.

The Federal Highway Administration will publicize the road as a National Scenic Byway in brochures displayed across the country and around the world.

"Our River Road area will be featured in

international brochures and marketed around the world as one of the most scenic drives in the United States," said Annie Hoagland, chairwoman of the Alton Lake Heritage Parkway Commission, which promoted the campaign for scenic byway status.

The road will be featured in publications in countries such as Japan, England, France and Germany.

"We may see visitors from countries like Japan and China," Hoagland said.

Grafton Mayor Bobbie Amburg said she expects the designation to attract new tourists to businesses in her town. "The River Road through Grafton shows its natural beauty all year round," said Amburg, chairwoman of the committee that promoted the River Road as a National Scenic Byway.

The road is publicized across the country as a bird watcher's paradise. Hundreds of varieties of songbirds migrate from South America along the road in the spring.

"In the fall, people drive up the River Road to see the spectacular colors in the trees along the bluffs," Amburg said.

Grafton has 50 businesses, restaurants and shops open to visitors, Amburg said. The Great River Road from Alton to Pere Marquette State Park is becoming one of the most popular eagle watching areas in the Midwest.

"Eagle watchers were the biggest tourist attraction to Grafton last winter," Amburg said.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

When an individual is preparing to purchase a home, he will be asked to sign a real estate contract. After the contract is signed, he may discover that he is unable to obtain financing through a lending institution. If the bank will not lend money to the buyer, is he obligated to proceed with the purchase? This depends upon whether the contract has a contingency clause with regard to financing.

A purchaser in this situation has the right to make the home purchase contingent on several factors if the seller will agree to them. In addition to the question of financing, the buyer may want to make the sales contract contingent on a termite inspection or an examination of the home for structural defects. If the buyer does not include these contingencies in the contract, he cannot expect to back out of the sale if any of these situations arise.

In one recent case, a seller and buyer entered into a real estate contract for the purchase of a \$70,000 home. The sale was made contingent on the buyer obtaining an 80%

loan from a lending institution. The loan was approved, but the buyer encountered an unanticipated problem.

He intended to obtain the balance of the purchase price from his uncle. The uncle had promised to lend the buyer the \$14,000 down payment, but at the last minute he changed his mind. Since the buyer did not make the real estate purchase contingent on the uncle's loan, there was a question as to whether he would be forced to proceed with the sale.

In this case, the buyer perhaps could argue that the lending institution would not loan him 80% of the purchase without the uncle's down payment. Nevertheless, the simplest solution to this problem would have been to make the contract contingent on the uncle's loan. A potential buyer who is ready to purchase real estate should have the contract prepared or reviewed by an attorney to make sure he can back out of the sale if certain contingencies arise.

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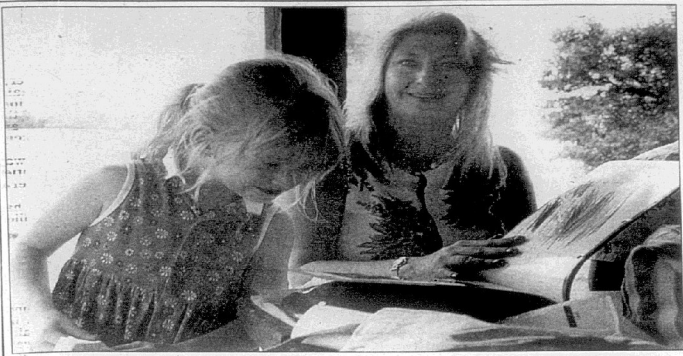
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News



Graduation — The Pontoon Beach Family and Community Services Head Start program workers and participants gathered at Horseshoe Lake State Park for a graduation party last week. Mariah Horton, 5, opens the package of books she received from the Head Start program while her mother, Angie Kalmann, watches.

JOHN FRESE / Press-Record

3 options offered on county court space

Officials seek to relieve crowded system

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Three options were presented to Madison County officials in Edwardsville Monday to relieve the county's crowded court system.

Option 1: Minimum construction. This would mean the continued use and renovation of the existing courthouse at 155 N. Main St. and construction of new court space. The use of the existing courthouse for criminal courts "seems limited in light of security considerations," the report says. Therefore, the minimum option might include the construction of a new criminal court building. The existing courthouse could be renovated and reused for the Probate Court and the 10 civil case courtrooms projected as needed by the year 2015.

All other courtrooms (including felony, misdemeanor, traffic, family and juvenile) and related functions would be located in the new courthouse, except probation and the state's attorney's office, which would remain in the County Administration Building.

Option 2: Similar to the first but instead of new construction the county could find and renovate existing space for court needs.

The study says this option may include relocating traffic court, thus reducing the amount of traffic in the existing courthouse.

The study noted that most typical non-court designed buildings do not have appropriate

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ceiling heights, adequate building security or separate circulation routes found in new courthouses.

Depending on the type of building, as well as the amount of space found, this option could be as expensive as Option 1, the study said.

Option 3: Build a new courthouse, the most expensive option.

The study says that in addition to providing the county with sufficient space to meet future judicial space needs, a new courthouse would be designed with appropriate security and separations, especially in the criminal area. Separate judge and staff circulation, secure prisoner circulation and holding, appropriate public waiting and other judicial support areas could easily be achieved in a new courthouse, the study said.

Under the third option, the county would need to determine the best use of the existing courthouse, which may provide space for other county administrative functions.

Under any of the three options, the county could choose to construct or renovate enough space to accommodate the courts until 2010 and leave sufficient ground area for the remaining space needed for 2015, according to the study.

Economic developer heads Alliance

By Becky Vollmer
Telegraph staff writer

Twenty-five years of experience with economic development was the key to the decision to hire Michael J. Pierceall as executive director

of The Alliance of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon, officials said Wednesday. Pierceall, who has held economic development and planning posts with the cities of Mount Vernon and Belleville, beat out two other finalists for the job.

Ben Maliszewski, chairman of The Alliance's board of directors, said Pierceall was selected for his knowledge of the area and his 25 years' experience in community and economic development in the public sector.

The position became vacant in January when Joanne Grasser, the former director, resigned. That move, coupled with Brett Champion's recent departure as head of the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce, has prompted talk of combining the two posts. Pierceall, however, said he was hired only to head The Alliance.

"(Board members) mentioned the possibility of floating something in, but that was about it," he said Wednesday.

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ture and especially Sens. Bowles and Hoffman for providing these additional funds," Chancellor David Werner said.

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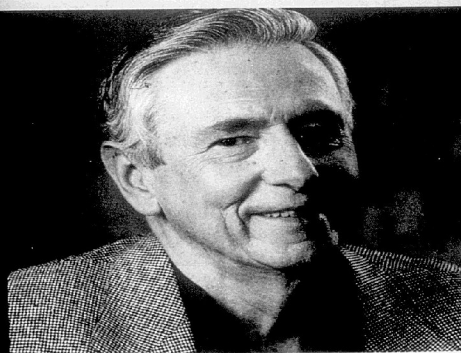
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150 acres included in Edwardsville plan

Land is located west of I-255 extension

By Becky Vollmer
Staff writer

Go west, Edwardsville, go west.

The city is continuing expansion into the developing American Bottoms by preparing to annex more than 150 acres west of Illinois 255, the extension of Interstate 255.

City officials Tuesday confirmed plans to annex the property, part of which is adjacent to the highway extension that is expected to open later this year. A key 13-acre parcel sits at the northwest corner of the Illinois 255 interchange with New Poag Road.

The property, owned by Charles and Helen Mueller, is farmland and is expected to remain so for now. In the future, however, the land is expected to be commercial.

The property, which abuts South Roxana to the west, is a far cry from the "traditional" Edwardsville, but the annexation is in keeping with others the city has recently executed in that region.

•Base

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troops assigned here permanently to my command, other than a handful.

"We're here strictly to support the military communities, the Department of Defense Communities, the Department of Army civilian community and retiree community of the metropolitan area of St. Louis," he said, summing up the base's mission.

"We're dealing with a lot of questions here. There are installations around the country that will be going through the same thing," said Jim Pennekamp. "And as the questions build nationwide, there will be a lot of questions coming to Congress about how this thing is going to transpire, if indeed they allow it to transpire."

"They can still, I think, stop this cold," he said. "A lot of information is going to have to be gathered before folks start looking at it as a big economic boon. It may turn out to be a bust."

Army Materiel Command at Scott Air Force Base in April ordered the Support Base to conduct a preliminary Report of Excess. The Support Base next prepared notification letters to all its tenants, which said the AMC "is formally taking steps to divest itself of this installation," Armstrong said. The base no longer performs any function pertaining to the Army Materiel Command.

The letters are currently being signed by Armstrong's commanders at the Aviation and Missile Command in Redstone, Ala.

The Department of Defense tenants on the base will then have the opportunity to step forward and take control of part or all of the installation, he said. If that does not happen, then the matter goes to the Department of Defense General Service Administration, where the base is advertised worldwide for any federal agency that may have a need for an installation such as the Support Base.

Last summer, the city announced a block-buster annexation in the enterprise zone, acquiring land on both sides of the 255 extension. The 1,700-acre annexation was the largest in the city's history.

Alderman Rich Madison, a longtime proponent of annexing land in the American Bottoms, said Tuesday the 150-acre acquisition will guarantee Edwardsville an addition piece of the commercial development that will inevitably take place. It also will keep other municipalities at bay, he said.

"We should be annexing that land as aggressively as possible to ensure that Edwardsville can have some control over its destiny."

"I would think that ultimately everything in that area will be commercial."

The Mueller's filed a petition last month to annex to the city. Edwardsville aldermen are expected to make the annexation official after a public hearing in July.

Mayor Gary Niebur said he was pleased the Mueller's wanted to be part of Edwardsville.

If that doesn't happen, the General Service Administration would advertise the excess base property to anyone who is interested, which is when it would be available for Granite City, Madison and Venice.

"I have no idea how long this would take. It's obviously a long-term process, probably years, in order to make it all happen," Armstrong said. "That's not to say that this is bad news, because there are opportunities here."

A multitude of different scenarios could take place if the ROE is followed through to its conclusion, he said. For example, Venice could take over the southern portion of the base, while the Tri-City Regional Port District could take control of portions of the base that would give it river frontage below Lock and Dam #27.

"Maybe we would excess everything north of C Street, which includes all the warehouse space. Or maybe we don't excess any of it ... or all of it," he said. "I can't tell you what's going to happen, but everybody ... needs to understand it could happen in the very near future if the Army decides to pull the rug out from under us."

Somebody needs to be able to absorb the base, which would include the costs of maintaining it, he said (see related story).

"Do I think this installation should stay open? Yes and no," he said. It doesn't need to stay open in the regular, active Army, he said, but the base does need to stay open for its primary user, the Army Reserves, of which 10,000 train there annually.

As the meeting ended, chairman Dan Brown, Granite City's economic development director, urged those present to take action immediately to get questions answered and make certain that, whatever the ROE outcome, the results are the absolute best possible for the area.

Base has many assets

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Running a military installation such as the Charles Melvin Price Support Base is much like being the mayor of a small town, said its commander.

If the military's Report of Excess goes through to its ultimate conclusion, Granite City, Madison and Venice could possibly assume control of some of the Army base's assets.

Lt. Col. Keith Armstrong, commander of the base, pointed out some of the base's assets at the Granite City Rotary Club's Community Action Prayer Breakfast.

Only 28 percent of the total space available on the base is used by the Army, he said. One of the most important uses for the base is the 10,000 Army Reservists that train there every year. The reservists constitute the largest number of military personnel that use the base.

The base also has the only railroad repair unit in the Army. That unit recently deployed to perform some work at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Other Department of Defense agencies using the base include the U.S. Navy, which occupies 27 percent of the available storage space to support its \$1 billion tool and die operation. The work is tied closely to Boeing Corp. at its Lambert St. Louis International Airport facilities.

The Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and other Department of Defense agencies

operate off the base for various purposes. Those agencies may or may not keep their operations going at Price if the ROE is completed.

"This could be turned into an excellent mobilization station because of the excellent transportation nodes that are here," he said.

"The same thing that makes this (area) important to Tri-City Port Authority, is the same thing that's important to the Army. We move heavy equipment, and to do that the army needs roads, rails, rivers and airports, all of which this area has in abundance."

"You couldn't ask for a more ideal location for a mobilization station ... and I think that's what the ROE is designed to do, but that doesn't mean it's going to happen," he said.

If any city does take over a part of the base, it would have to be prepared to carry the financial burden, he said.

"Can the community absorb a quarter of a million to a third of a million dollar requirement, if it were not programmed and budgeted into the city budget?" he asked.

Other facilities and assets include:

- 1.5 million square feet of enclosed, heated and lighted warehouse space
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- 686 acres of open land
- 164 housing units, many of which were built in 1990
- A 9-hole golf course and Community Center, both of which are open to the public. There is also a bowling center.

•EPA

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ject managers for this area.

For the present, OHM Remediation Services will continue to perform residential property cleanups, Bradley said, but just under a different funding source. To date, more than 70 residential properties have been cleaned, with another 450 waiting to be cleaned by the deadline of June 30, 1999.

Emeric said one good way for the public and the EPA to communicate the cleanup progress is through community advisory groups.

"(We) take leaders from the community and bring them

together ... basically like developing a civic or environmental group," she said. The group could include 15 to 20 people who could then go back to the community at large and inform them on the cleanup progress.

"People may think this is late in the cleanup process to start this, but it's not only to deal with environmental issues but also to build sustainability among the communities," she said.

The group could also be involved in such programs as the EPA's planned lead-based paint household survey in the cleanup area, or spreading the

word of its Superfund jobs training program.

The EPA, though, won't form the group itself. Interest must come from the public.

"It would be something you would want to do, because the forming of this is based on EPA or the government wanting to form it," she said.

Grants are also available from the EPA to help community groups. The EPA developed a kit to guide interested residents through the process of forming a group, she said.

Those who are interested should call Emeric at (800) 621-8531.

•Plan

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ly be east of Edwardsville makes no geographic sense."

The owners of the property, Charles and Helen Mueller, petitioned the city to annex the

150 acres last month.

Efforts to talk with representatives from Mitchell and Granite City, Pontoon Beach and Edwardsville, all of whom have filed objections to the incorporation, have not been

successful, Rich Mueller said.

"We have requested to see these municipalities, especially Granite City, and they have refused to see us," he said. "We are communicating through our attorneys."

•Pollution

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association was "very pleased" with the turnout for the two sessions.

"We want to offer employers options so they can help educate employees about some basic things that can be done to improve the air quality," she said.

As the ozone level increases, she said, people who work outside, the elderly, children, pregnant women and especially people with asthma or heart conditions will face health risks because of the poor air quality.

Nationwide, she said the health care costs associated with poor air quality exceed \$50 billion, and the U.S. EPA estimates 60,000 people die each year.

"This asthma business is scary," she said. "It's more than doubled in the last 20 years, and we don't know why."

In addition to what Lanter says are very serious health concerns, speakers said the region's failure to meet federal clean air guidelines could have serious repercussions in the future.

That includes tighter restrictions on expanding or new businesses and decreased federal highway funds.

John Gibbons, an air quality environmental engineer with Sverdrup, told the group that St. Louis has had a reputation for bad air quality since the turn of the century.

"Back in the early 1900s, St. Louis was a city known for its black smoke that was primarily from the use of coal as a fuel," he said.

He said after "Black Tuesday" in November 1939, business and industry leaders got together to try to decrease the air pollution.

Today, he said, ozone is the major problem and the region does not meet federal clean-air standards.

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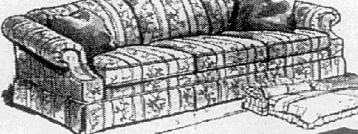
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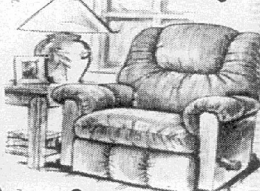
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Edwardsville advances to state tourney

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Something had to give when the Southwestern Conference co-Players of the Year squared off in the championship game of the Edwardsville Class AA Sectional on Tuesday afternoon.

Collinsville ace pitcher Kenny "Big Country" Lutz and Edwardsville right-hander Ben Hutton entered the game with a combined 25-1 record and both were among the Metro East leaders in every pitching category. Hutton (16-0) looked strong in the entire contest.

Lutz, meanwhile, struggled through 2½ innings of work as Edwardsville cruised to a 9-1 triumph.

The Tigers (37-2) advance to this weekend's IHSA Class AA state tournament in Geneva.

"I didn't feel I had much," Lutz said. "I kept falling behind in the count and just had to throw it in there. What I had wasn't good enough against a good hitting team like Edwardsville."

"I think we had a great season. I wish we could have beaten Edwardsville. Now we have just got to look toward next year. This was the farthest a Coach (Steve) McFall has

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gone. Our goal is to get to state (next year)."

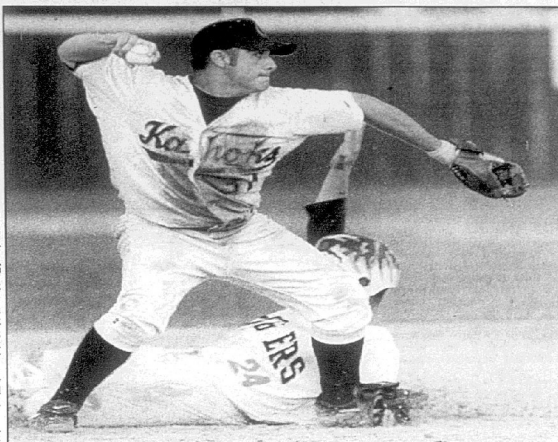
Lutz's first pitch of the game, in the bottom of the first inning, hit Tigers leadoff hitter Dave Crouthers, who came around to score the first run of the game on an RBI single by Chad Opel.

Hutton, who had allowed back-to-back hits in the first inning, settled down and was in complete control through the five innings he worked.

"Ben threw outstanding," Edwardsville coach Tom Pile said. "Ben was all-world. Ben had his good stuff and when he has that, you only need one or two runs for him."

The difference in the contest was a two-out, four-run rally in the second inning for Edwardsville. The big blow was a three-run home run by Opel, his fourth homer of the year. It brought his RBI total for the year to 37.

"That really hurt us," said McFall, who team finished the year at 26-10. "There's no doubt that was a big swing. I thought if we got out of the inning, we would have escaped two bullets. We got out of the first inning



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Collinsville infielder Dan Munoz throws to first in an attempt to complete a double play while Edwardsville's Nick Seibert slides into second base.

in big trouble; and then we would have gotten out of the second inning. Had we been able to get out of that situation, who knows? It could be real interesting if we get a little pressure on them, but it never happens.

The ball leaves the park and you

have got to give them credit."

Nick Seibert kept the second inning going when he walked following Opel's home run. Matt Evers singled to put runners on the corners. James

(See EDWARDSVILLE, Page 3B)

Tough ending

Lady Warriors ousted early from playoffs, but will load up for 1999 season

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

The Granite City soccer team seemed to be in position to make a run for its third consecutive appearance in the state tournament.

The Warriors were facing Edwardsville in the IHSA Class AA regional championship. They had beaten the Lady Tigers

just one week earlier by a decisive 6-0 margin.

But it was a different story May 21 as the teams battled to a 1-1 tie through regulation and two 10-minute overtime periods.

Granite City saw its state hopes die as Edwardsville won on penalty kicks to end the Warriors campaign.

"We must have had 20 corner kicks

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GIRLS SOCCER

Hayden continues tradition

Granite City senior extends school's fine line of catchers

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

Jeff Hayden was aware of the recent tradition of quality catchers at Granite City High School.

Darren DePew and Joe Wallace were former standouts behind the plate for the Warriors.

DePew went on to play football and appeared in the Rose Bowl for the University of Illinois, while Wallace was a catcher at Oklahoma State University. Both players eventually played professional baseball.

"We've had some good catchers in the past and Jeff has continued that tradition," Granite City coach Gus Lignoul said.

Part of the credit has to go to both DePew and Wallace, who have coached Hayden since he came to Granite City. Wallace was an assistant with the Tri-City American Legion team for a season; DePew has worked with Hayden at Granite City High School.

"Those guys have been a big help and I feel honored just to have my name mentioned with them," Hayden said. "I worked a lot with Coach DePew. He taught me basically everything about the position. He's been on my side since my freshman season."

Hayden has been a good pupil, demonstrated in each of his three seasons behind the plate for the varsity team at Granite City.

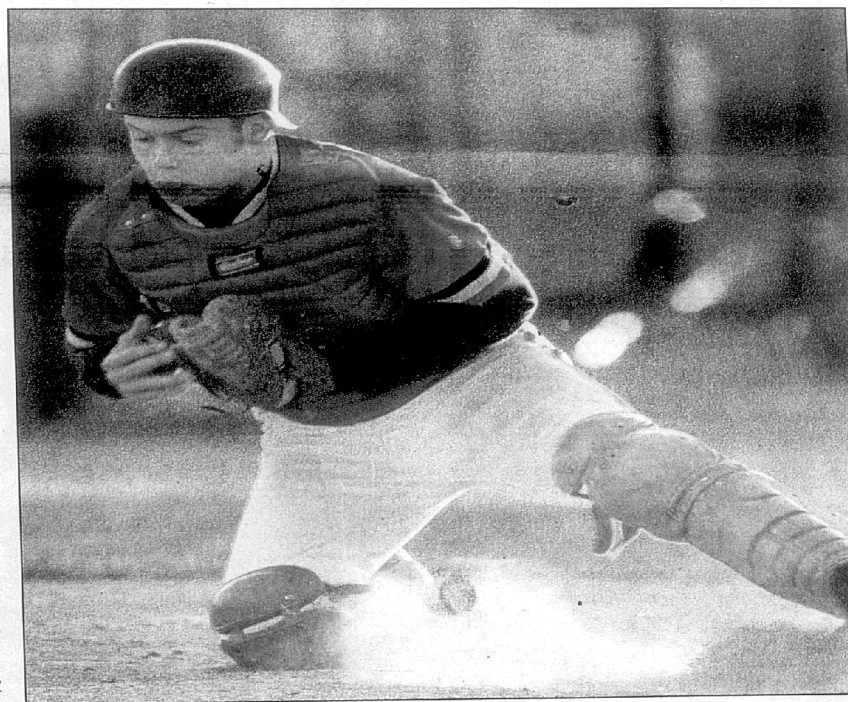
He was used primarily as a catcher during his sophomore season. When he batted, it was usually in the ninth spot in the order. Often, he was not in the lineup because of a designated hitter for him.

But Hayden got some at-bats late in the season and took advantage of them. He followed that up with a solid junior season, in which he hit .315.

He saved his best for last, though, leading the team in hitting for most of his senior season. He was over .400 until late in the season. He finished with a .374 average, which was second on the team behind Scott Smalley.

He capped off his high school career in fine fashion, knocking four hits in a regional game against Bethalto Civic Memorial and standing out defensively in a loss to nationally-ranked Edwardsville.

"Jeff did a great job for us," Lignoul



JOHN SWISTAK JR. / Press-Record

Granite City senior catcher Jeff Hayden kept his batting average above .400 mark much of the spring and finished second on the Warriors baseball team in hitting this season. He finished with a .374 average, which was behind Scott Smalley. Next fall Hayden will attend Lewis & Clark Community College where he should have the opportunity to contend for the starting spot.

noul said. "He was a three-year starter and he had a career average of .318, which is impressive because it came against very good competition. And he was a take charge kind of player behind the plate."

That should not come as a surprise

since Hayden was a linebacker and tight end with the Warriors football team. He was given the Keith Lucas Award as the team's most courageous player after his senior season in football.

"From day one of my sophomore

year, the coaches stressed the importance of taking charge behind the plate," Hayden said. "I tried to be a leader back there."

The 6-foot, 200-pounder will attend Lewis & Clark Community College next fall.

"Dustin Brewer (the Warrior stand-out pitcher) and I have grown up together and I was looking forward to playing with him at Lewis & Clark," Hayden said. "But he got drafted right after he signed to go to Lewis & Clark and I would expect him to sign."

Hayden should have a chance to contend for the starting spot next year at Lewis & Clark as its starter, last year, Mike Rudasovich, was a sophomore.

Gus Lignoul
Granite City coach

"Jeff did a great job for us. He was a three-year starter and he had a career average of .318, which is impressive because it came against very good competition. And he was a take charge kind of player behind the plate."

Local teams shut out in pursuit of State Cup

Downtown Imprints U-17 reaches final before bowing

By Bob Emig
Correspondent

Metro East boys soccer teams came away empty-handed in their pursuit of State Cup championships this past weekend in Rockford.

Six local teams had advanced to the semifinals in the State Cup tournament, but only one made it to the finals last weekend. That was the under-17 Downtown Imprints team from Troy, which finished second to the Chicago Magic/Sockers FC.

Downtown advanced to the title game by beating another Chicago Magic/Sockers team 3-0 on Saturday. Todd Brum scored all of the goals for Downtown. Joey Helton and Adam Krebs added assists. Josh Brown earned the shutout in goal.

In the championship game, Downtown managed to survive constant pressure from the other Magic/Sockers team before the Chicago team

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Summer Slam V set for June 18-20

Girls, small school event planned
By Scott Marion
Staff writer

The Summer Slam is back — and it's bigger than ever.

The fifth annual boys basketball tournament, featuring 16 of the best high school teams in southern Illinois and the St. Louis area, will be June 18-20 at Belleville Area College.

Lady Slam III, featuring the area's top girls teams, will be July 18-19 at the new Family Sportsplex in Belleville. A third Summer Slam tourney, for Class A and smaller Class AA boys teams, has been added to this year's schedule and will be played July 11-12 at the Sportsplex.

"The Sportsplex is a really nice facility. It has three courts we can run at the same time all under one roof," said Belleville West boys' head coach Bill Schmidt, who organized the Summer Slam along with Althoff assistant coach Don Haida. "It's a very spectator-friendly place to watch basketball."

There are some perennially powerful Class A teams who can compete with anybody in the area, but there are some smaller schools who can't

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Collinsville's Shiver helps Rend Lake place at NJCAA tournament

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Former Collinsville High graduate Nathan Shiver helped Rend Lake College to a sixth-place finish at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Golf Championships.

It marked the fourth straight trip to the national tournament for the Warriors, who were second in 1995, third in 1996 and fifth in 1997 in their previous trips.

Tyler (Texas) Junior College won the four-day event with a score of 1,206 at the Woodlake Resort and Golf Club Course in Vass, N.C.

It was the fifth consecutive NJCAA crown for Tyler Junior College. Meridian (Miss.) Community College was second, four strokes behind with a 1,210. Rounding out the top five were Temple (Texas) Junior College, 1,234; Shelton (Alabama) State Community College, 1,240; and Indian Hills (Iowa) Community College.

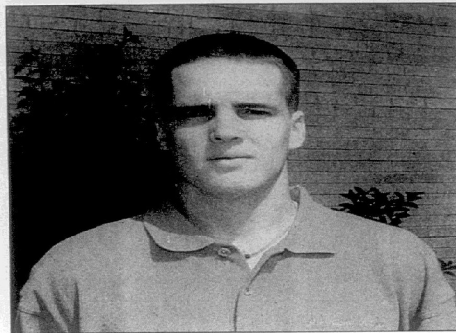
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1,245. Adam Babb of Indian Hills, who lead from start to finish, won the individual title by five strokes with a 71-74-77-70 for a 292.

It was Babb's outstanding shooting that enabled Indian Hills to leap-frog Rend Lake and capture fifth place.

"We shoot 36, 36, 39, 39, 39 on the front side but then just couldn't get it into the clubhouse," Rend Lake coach Dave Smith said following the long final day of the event.

"The last four or five holes were not what I wanted, obviously, but Indian Hills was the better team on the strength of Adam Babb's strong putting and overall play. We were within one spot of what I was hoping for (coming in), so I'm not disappointed. It could have been a whole lot worse. If we had finished fourth, I would have been thrilled. Sixth, I'm



Rend Lake sophomore Nathan Shiver fired a 325 over four days as Rend Lake placed sixth at the NJCAA Division II golf tournament.

happy. That is about what we deserved."

Sophomore Dave Bornaack was the top shooter for Rend Lake with a 306. He finished 12th overall as a third-team all-American.

Bornaack is the fifth Warriors golfer to gain all-American

honors in the last four years.

Shiver, a sophomore, fired Rend Lake's best opening day score of 79. He came back with a shaky 85 on the second day, followed by an 83 on day three. He closed out the tournament with a 78 for a total of 325.

Opening inning set the tone for sectional final

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Members of the Collinsville High baseball team had to be playing a "what if?" thought through their minds after they lost to Edwardsville for the IHSA Class AA sectional title Tuesday afternoon.

The Kahoks had an opportunity to strike first and seize the momentum in the opening inning against Edwardsville ace Ben Hutton, who entered the contest sporting a 1.21 ERA.

The Kahoks started a two-out rally on back-to-back singles by Dan Munoz and Kenny "Big Country" Lutz, putting runners at the corners. No. 5 Hitter Wayne Astrauskas batted Hutton before hitting a smash to Tigers' first baseman Matt Evers, who gloved it for an unassisted put out at first.

"I think it was pretty important, but I don't know if you can attribute one run to it," Collinsville coach Steve McFall said. "They were just better. We played them three times. We were close once. They beat us all three times. They were just the better team."

"I don't think Kenny had as good of stuff as he has had in the past. He's our guy, and they popped him. They are the ones that came out and played well and hit the baseball against Kenny. He's our guy, and they popped him. There is just nothing else to say. Kenny had a great year, and it is a wonderful piece, but it wasn't his day today."

Edwardsville coach Tom Pile was worried after the

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Tigers scored just one run in the first inning. Lutz pitched out of the bases-loaded one-out jam when he enticed James Hutton to hit an infield pop up and struck out Matt Turner.

"Was I upset about leaving the bases loaded? Yes and no," Pile said. "Yes, you're upset, but I thought we'd get him, I really did. We ran a lot of big counts in the first inning. It was a hot day and he was throwing a lot of pitches, so I knew we could get to Kenny."

The first inning traditionally has been one of the best of the season for the Tigers. The Tigers came into the game with 45 runs in the first frame — third-best to the third (67 runs) and fifth (57 runs).

After the Kahoks great scoring chance in the first inning, Jeff Slaznick's single in the third inning was the only other hit against Hutton in five innings. Hutton's twin brother James worked the final two innings of the game and the Kahoks were able to avoid the shutout with a run in the sixth.

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All of the runs were scored in the first inning. Jeff Slaznick 2-3 2B, Ken Lutz 1-3 RBI, Dan Munoz 1-3, LP, Ken Lutz IP-2/3 H-9 R-6 ER-6 BB-3 SO-4.

EDWARDSVILLE: Chad Opel 2-4 HR RBI, Nick Seibert 2-3, Matt Boole 1-2 RBI, Dave Crouthers 1-1, Matt Evers 1-2, Tim Hanes 1-1, Andrew Honegger 1-2, James Hutton 1-3 RBI, Kory Kuba 1-2 HR RBI, WP-Ben Hutton IP-5 H-3 R-0 ER-0 BB-1 SO-7.

Golf scramble to benefit GCHS baseball set for Woodlands Golf Club on July 18

The inaugural golf scramble for the Granite City Warriors baseball team is set for July 18 at Woodlands Golf Club in Alton.

The event tees off at 1:30 p.m.

Entry fee is \$55 per person for the four-person scramble shotgun start. Deadline for entry is June 29.

Send entry fees to Jeff Parker/Warrior Baseball, 1604 Spring Avenue, Granite City, IL, 62040. For information, contact Jeff Parker (931-1549) or Jerry McKechnan (451-5808).

Golf tournament

The 12th annual Hospice of Madison County Golf County will be June 20 at Oak Brook Golf Course in Edwardsville.

The event begins at 8 a.m. The cost is \$70 per person for the four-person scramble. Teams or individuals can register by calling 798-3939 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, or by calling 398-1456 evenings and weekends.

Golf tournament

The 1998 Big B Invitational golf tournament, to benefit the Collinsville football program, is set for June 28 at Belk Park.

The four-man scramble has an entry fee of \$300 per team. For information on the tournament, call 344-2660 or 647-8935.

Golf tourney

The Legacy Golf Course 2-man scramble will be July 11. Cost is \$45 per player. For information, call 931-GOLF or 314-726-GOLF.

Soccer tryouts

The Collinsville United under-13 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts July 7, 9 and 14 (6-7:30 p.m. each day) at the Van Fossen Soccer Complex. Girls born after Aug. 1, 1985, should bring a birth certificate, picture and soccer ball. For information, call 344-8345.

The Team Olympians under-16 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts July 1 (6:30-9 p.m.) and July 11 (9-11 a.m.) at UICP soccer fields. For information, call 667-2745 or 288-8923.

The Mendoza Sting under-13 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts July 9 (6 p.m.) and July 11 (10 a.m.) at Sugarloaf Golf Course, located on Sugarloaf Road off 157 in Collinsville. Girls born after Aug. 1, 1985, should bring a birth certificate and soccer ball. For information, call 931-0976 or 667-7625.

The Southwest Select Ambush under-11 boys soccer team will conduct tryouts July 16 (6-7:30 p.m.) and Aug. 1 (3-4:30 p.m.) at Horseshoe Lake. Boys born in 1988 or after Aug. 1, 1987, are eligible and should bring a birth certificate, photo and soccer ball. For information, call 345-6036.

The Lady Knights Soccer Club, a new girls soccer club, will conduct tryouts at Horseshoe Lake Park in Granite City for: under-12 (July 1, 5:30-7 p.m.); under-13 (July 9 and 15, 5:30-7 p.m.); under-14 (July 1, 7-8:30 p.m.); under-15 (July 1, 7-8:30 p.m.); under-16 (July 1, 7-8:30 p.m.); July 6, 5:30-7 p.m.);

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under-16 (July 2, 7-8:30 p.m.); under-17 (July 6, 7-8:30 p.m.); and under-18 (July 8, 7-8:30 p.m.). For information, call 338-4712 or (314) 388-4555.

Soccer camp

A soccer camp for girls ages 11-13 will be June 15-18 at Horseshoe Lake Park. Sessions are 6-8 p.m. each evening.

The director is Herb Foster, head women's soccer coach at Fontbonne College in St. Louis. Cost of the camp is \$40 per person. Players must bring their own soccer balls and water.

For information, call Foster at 539-4712.

Soccer camp

The Southern Illinois Soccer League is hosting the Ultimate Touch International Soccer Camp, June 22-26 at the Van Fossen Soccer Fields in Collinsville.

The camp, with international coaches, is geared toward the serious soccer player ages 6 to 17.

Proceeds benefit the SISL College Soccer Showcase.

For information or an application, call 647-1033 or 647-1033.

Physicals offered

Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine will be offering physicals for athletes from Collinsville High School.

Cost is \$25 for the physicals, which are good for one calendar year and are accepted by the Illinois High School Association.

For Collinsville students, physicals are set for July 28 and July 29 at 800 St. Louis Road in Collinsville.

For information, contact Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine at 798-3943.

Kahoks camps

Dates have been set for the 16th annual Kahoks basketball camp at Collinsville High School.

The Kahoks basketball camp will be divided into two sessions. The first is a day camp (June 22-26). Sessions are 9 a.m.-noon daily for boys 8-11; and 1-4 p.m. for boys 12-14.

An evening camp is slated for 6-9 p.m. July 20-24 for ages 10-14. Fee is \$75, or \$140 for both camps.

For more information, call 346-6337.

5K run

The Warrior Pride Triathlon 5-kilometer run and 2-mile walk is set for Saturday at Granite City High School.

The 5K run begins at 9 a.m. and the 2K walk at 9:45 a.m. at the Rehling Road parking lot by the east entrance to the high school.

Registration fee is \$11 on July 17-19 at Millstadt City Park. T-shirts will be included for the first 300 entries.

The event benefits the Granite City High School track and field team.

For information, contact Richard Skirball at Granite City High School, 3101 Madison Ave., Granite City, IL, 62040; or call 451-5808.

Golf tourney

The eighth annual Allsup Classic, a golf tournament ben-

efiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Illinois, will be held Monday, Aug. 24 at St. Clair Country Club in Belleville.

There will be a shotgun start at noon with a box lunch on the course. Dinner and awards will follow tournament play. The tournament is a four-person scramble with numerous prizes.

The entry fee is \$150 per person. For more information, call the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at 398-3162.

Baseball days

The 1998 Fairview Heights Sports and Entertainment Card Show will be held July 18-19 at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights.

The show is in cooperation with the "World Baseball Days" celebration, which is part of the "A.A." World Baseball Championship, to be held July 10-19 at Longacre Park. It is the highest-level youth baseball tournament in the world for players ages 15-16. Twelve nations from across the globe will compete for the gold medal.

The schedule for World Baseball Days is listed below: July 18: baseball card show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; youth baseball camp, 10 a.m.-noon; sporting goods show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Rawlings Caravan, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; autograph session with world athletes, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Taste of the World (local restaurants serving food from the 12 participating countries), 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Fredbird, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; World Championships playoff games, noon-10 p.m.; barbecue, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

July 19: sporting goods show, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Rawlings Caravan, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; barbecue, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; bronze medal game, noon; gold medal game, 4 p.m.; awards ceremony, 7 p.m.

For more information, call 236-1768.

Softball tournaments

The Tomahawks Softball Club is sponsoring the following tournaments:

The Tomahawks Women's Open Fastpitch Softball Tournament, June 27 at Millstadt City Park. The entry fee is \$150 per team, with three games guaranteed (weather permitting).

The fourth annual Tomahawks Summer Sizzler Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament, July 17-19 at Millstadt City Park. The entry fee is \$150 per team, with three games guaranteed (weather permitting).

For more information, call 538-7738.

Downhill 5K run

The O'Fallon Downhill 5,000-meter run will be 8 a.m. Saturday, June 20. The race, part of the O'Fallon Fire Department Picnic, will start in Shilo City Park and finish in O'Fallon Park.

Male and female age divisions range from 12 to 60 and over. The top three finishers in each division will receive trophies and overall winners receive plaques. There will also be awards for the top male and female wheelchair competitors.

The entry fee is \$9 and \$10 on race day, with registration closing at 7:30 a.m. The first 300 entries receive a T-shirt. Proceeds of the run will be

given to O'Fallon Dare Program and the O'Fallon Fire Department.

Following the race, the Prairie State Games Torch Relay will go through O'Fallon at 1 p.m.

For more information, call "Foz" Ryan at 632-5597.

BAC softball camps

Belleville Area College softball coach Kathy Bernal will conduct two softball camps this August.

Both camps will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the college's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave. The first camp, Aug. 10-12, is for girls in grades 5-8; and the second camp, Aug. 17-19, is for grades 9-12.

The cost of each camp is \$35. The limit per camp is 60 players. Checks should be made payable to BAC Softball Camp. For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

Boys ages 7-17 can learn or improve their baseball fundamentals this summer at Belleville Area College's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave.

BAC baseball coach Neil Fiala conducts his annual summer camps during June and July.

Campers will learn the techniques of hitting, pitching and fielding. The cost of the two fundamental camps is \$60. Camps will be held at a specialized camp is \$30. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and enrollment is limited.

Checks should be made payable to Belleville Area College and should be mailed to Belleville Area College, Business Office, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, IL, 62221.

Camps will take place during the following weeks:

• June 8-11, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamentals camp.

• June 15-18, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamentals camp.

• June 22-23, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (hitters).

• June 24-25, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (pitchers).

• July 6-7, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (hitters).

• July 8-9, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (fielders).

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

BAC basketball camps

Belleville Area College men's basketball coach Jay Harrington and women's coach Mike Juenger will conduct annual basketball camps this summer.

Area boys and girls from grades 1-12 are eligible to take part in the week-long sessions, which will be offered in June, July and August. Costs of the camps vary.

Checks should be made payable to BAC Basketball Camp and should be mailed to Belleville Area College, Business Office, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, IL, 62221.

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271 or 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 271.

MON-CLAIR BASEBALL

MON-CLAIR LEAGUE SCHEDULE

(Remaining schedule for the Mon-Clair League baseball season. All games are doubleheaders starting at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.)

June 14
Brighton at Millstadt.
East Alton at Sauget.
Waterloo at Granite City.
June 16
Millstadt at Sauget, 7:30 p.m. (2).
Granite City at Millstadt.
June 21
Granite City at Brighton.
East Alton at Valmeyer.
Sauget at Millstadt.
June 24
Sauget at Waterloo, 7:30 p.m. (1).
Millstadt at Granite City.
Valmeyer at Sauget.
June 26
Valmeyer Tournament.
Valmeyer, Waterloo, Millstadt, East Alton, Granite City, O.B. Clark, St. Louis Printers, Beckemeyer.
July 8
All-Star Game

Mon-Clair League All-Stars vs. Metro Collegiate All-Stars. July 12
Valmeyer at Waterloo.
Brighton at Sauget.
East Alton at Millstadt.
July 19
Sauget at Valmeyer.
July 19
Millstadt at Waterloo.
East Alton at Brighton.
Granite City at Valmeyer.
July 22
Waterloo at Sauget, 7:30 p.m. (1).
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East Alton at Granite City.
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Aug. 9
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SPORTS

•Edwardsville

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James Hutton singled to drive in Seibert, closing the rally and giving the Tigers a 5-0 lead.

"I figured we'd get to Lutz," Pile said. "He's pitched a lot of innings this year and been the workhorse. At this time in the season, you have to be very, very careful. I thought we'd get to him, I really did. He's a great competitor, though."

Lutz did record the first two outs of the third inning before he gave up a solo home run to Kory Kuba — his fourth homer of the year — to make it 6-0. Back-to-back singles by Crouthers and Matt Bogle chased Lutz. Charlie Johnson got the Kahoks out of the inning when he induced Opel on a fly to right field.

Neither team scored in the fourth but the Tigers put Johnson on the ropes in the fifth and chased him from the game. Johnson hit a batter and walked two to load the bases before Matt Bogle dropped a perfect suicide squeeze bunt to score Matt Turner. With the bases still loaded and the score 7-0, Opel drove in his fifth RBI of the day when his fielder's choice scored pinch-hitter Tim Hance.

The Kahoks broke the Tigers' shutout bid in the sixth inning, scoring one run against reliever James Hutton. Jeff Slaznik doubled to start the inning and went to third on Hutton's wild pick-off throw. Slaznik scored

'You are going to see a classic. You better be there and you better get up to the front row because you're going to see a classic.'

Tom Pile
Edwardsville coach
on state quarterfinal

on Lutz's ground out.

Edwardsville picked up its last run of the game in the sixth. Evers was hit by a pitch and later scored on Kuba's sacrifice fly.

The Tigers will face Oak Park River Forest (34-4) 12:30 p.m. Friday in the second game at the state tournament. Pile will face legendary coach Jack Kaiser.

"You are going to see a classic," Pile said. "You better be there and you better get up to the front row because you're going to see a classic (Kaiser's) a lot of me and I am a mirror of him. We play the same type of game. The same type of everything. We are very moody. We are up and down. The only thing difference between Jack Kaiser and me, is he is 65-something and I'm 53."

•Soccer

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finally scored on a head ball off a crossing pass with less than a minute remaining in the game. Earlier in the game, Downtown had a goal called back because of an off-sides

1-0 lead midway through the second half. The under-15 club lost to Mount Prospect Green/White 2-1 by losing on a penalty kick 4-3. The under-14 team lost to the Chicago Sockers 3-2, and the under-13 team was beaten by Springfield 3-2 in overtime.

Four Metro Club teams from Edwardsville all lost tightly contested games in the semifinals Saturday. The under-18 team fell to Chicago Mag-ic/Sockers 3-1 after taking a

The under-16 Independiente team from O'Fallon/Collinsville lost a 2-1 overtime contest to the Chicago Sockers after the teams battled to a scoreless tie in regulation.

•Basketball

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complete year-in and year-out, and they don't want to be on the short end of the stick all the time. The new tournament is designed for them.

"It's a combined force and effort to meet the demands and expectations of the basketball public," Haida said. "It will be a small-school shootout with maybe some of the smaller Illinois Class AA schools, those with about 800 students. Pairings for the Lady Slam and the small-school tournament will be announced later."

But Summer Slam V is still the marquee event of the summer on the Metro East prep basketball scene. This year's participants are O'Fallon, Triad, Gibault, Alton, Collinsville, Mascoutah, Nashville, Cahokia, Mount Vernon, St. Louis University High, Troy (Mo.), Althoff, Belleville East, Mater Dei, Highland and Belleville West.

"It's been really well-received by the players, the pub-

lic and the coaches," Schmidt said. "When you go back and compare which teams from this area made it to the sectional in this tournament. Last year's final was Galesburg and Centralia, and both of them made it to the elite eight (in Class AA). Nashville got beat out by Galesburg, but they made it to the elite eight in Class A."

"This year's field is a lot more balanced. Of the 16 teams, 10 of them could make it to the sectional next year without pulling any upsets."

All teams in Summer Slam V will play one game on Thursday and one game on Friday, with the final two rounds set for Saturday, June 20. Admission for Thursday and Friday sessions is free for adults and \$1 for children (junior high and under). There will be two sessions on Saturday at the same prices. Games will be played each day at the main and intramural gyms at BAC.

Summer Slam V
at Belleville Area College
First Round, June 18

Game 1: O'Fallon vs. Triad (IM), 6 p.m.
Game 2: Mt. Vernon vs. SLUH (main), 6 p.m.
Game 3: Gibault vs. Alton (IM), 7 p.m.
Game 4: Troy (Mo.) vs. Althoff (main), 7 p.m.
Game 5: Collinsville vs. Mascoutah (IM), 8 p.m.
Game 6: Belleville East vs. Mater Dei (main), 8 p.m.
Game 7: Nashville vs. Cahokia (IM), 9 p.m.
Game 8: Highland vs. Belleville West (main), 9 p.m.

Second Round, June 19

Game 9: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 3, 6 p.m. (main); Game 10: Loser Game 2 vs. Loser Game 4, 6 p.m. (IM); Game 11: Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 7, 7 p.m. (main); Game 12: Loser Game 6 vs. Loser Game 8, 7 p.m. (IM); Game 13: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 3, 8 p.m. (main); Game 14: Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 4, 8 p.m. (IM); Game 15: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 7, 9 p.m. (main); Game 16: Winner Game 6 vs. Winner Game 8, 9 p.m. (IM).

Third Round, June 20

Game 17 (consolation semifinals): Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 11, 11 a.m. (main); Game 18 (consolation semifinals): Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 12, noon (main); Game 19 (semifinals): Winner Game 13 vs. Winner Game 15, 1 p.m. (main); Game 20 (semifinals): Winner Game 14 vs. Winner Game 16, 2 p.m. (main); Game 21: Loser Game 9 vs. Loser Game 11, 10 a.m. (IM); Game 22: Loser Game 10 vs. Loser Game 12, 10 a.m. (main); Game 23: Loser Game 13 vs. Loser Game 15, 11 a.m. (IM); Game 24: Loser Game 14 vs. Loser Game 16, noon (IM); Game 25 (seventh place consolation): Loser Game 21 vs. Loser Game 22, 1 p.m. (IM); Game 26 (seventh place consolation): Winner Game 21 vs. Winner Game 22, 3 p.m. (IM); Game 27 (third place consolation): Winner Game 17 vs. Winner Game 19, 1 p.m. (main); Game 28 (third place consolation): Winner Game 18 vs. Winner Game 20, 1 p.m. (IM); Game 29 (championship): Winner Game 19 vs. Winner Game 20, 6 p.m. (main). ("IM" indicates games played at intramural gym. "Main" indicates games played at main gym.)



Granite City freshman Jolene Harris (right) is among the players that could help the Lady Warriors improve on this spring's 12-3-3 record next year.

•Lady Warriors

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in the game." Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "But we couldn't get the goal to take the lead and lost on PK's."

Granite City finished with a 12-3-3 overall record. "We were coming off two years where we made it to the state tournament, but this year we had only two seniors and four freshman starters so it was hard to predict how we would do," Baker said.

The Warriors showed from the very first game of the season, a victory over perennial Missouri power Incarnate Word Academy, that they would be a team to be reckoned with in 1998.

They got a tough break early in the third game of the season when midfielder Felicia Mohsen was lost for the season with a knee injury. She is slated to undergo ACL surgery.

"That was a tough loss for us," Baker said. "Felicia is an outstanding player." Nonetheless, the Warriors continued to play competitively in almost every game. At the Francis Howell North/St. Dominic Shootout, the Warriors tied another St. Louis power, Nerinx Hall, which made it to the MSECIAA Class 4A semifinals last weekend.

"We tied them without four or five of our players," said Baker, whose team battled injuries much of the year.

There were a number of individual highlights for the Warriors, headed by the recent all-state selection of junior sweeper Melissa Montgomery. Her sister, Michelle, was an all-stater last season who had a good freshman season at Southern Illinois University-

'We had a productive season this year with a very young team. I am very optimistic about the future.'

Gene Baker
Granite City coach

Edwardsville.

Ismahan Mohsen, a speedy striker who scored nine goals this season, was the other Granite City player to receive first-team all-Southwestern Conference recognition. She was one of the two seniors on the team and will play next season at Saint Louis University.

Sophomore Erica Todd was an all-sectional player. The striker led the team with 12 goals.

"We are usually a team which stresses defense," Baker said. "We played some good defense but we also were able to score some goals this season."

The outlook is very promising next season for the Warriors, who will only have to replace Ismahan Mohsen and goalkeeper Shannon Roth.

But the four freshmen starters — Jolene Harris, Christina Withers, Keri Ousley and Jessica Vasilof — are expected to return along with standouts such as Montgomery, Todd and Felicia Mohsen.

"We had a productive season this year with a very young team," Baker said. "I am very optimistic about the future."



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Granite City junior sweeper Melissa Montgomery was named to the all-state girls soccer team for her play this spring. Her sister, Michelle, was an all-state selection last year in her senior season.

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BIRTHS

William Simpson

KIP SIMPSON AND TRACEY KELLER of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son, William Christopher Dalton Simpson, was born May 5, 1998, at Spartanburg Regional in Spartanburg, SC. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

The paternal grandparents are James Simpson and Karl Gae Archer both of Granite City.

Troy Glendening

TIM AND MICHELLE GLENDENING of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son, Troy Michael Glendening was born May 13, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces, and joins Shelby, 5.

Maryann Jeffries of Granite City is the maternal grandmother. The paternal grandparents are Troy and Pauline Glendening of Granite City.

Cameron Stofel

DAWN AND MICHAEL STOFEL of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son, Cameron Allen Stofel was born at 5:53 a.m. May 3, 1998, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

The paternal grandparents are Rev. Virgil and Cheryl Stofel of Dupo.

Brenden Morgan

SHELLY GREEN AND JASON MORGAN of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Brenden Michael Morgan was born at 9:06 p.m. May 19, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 4 pounds, 10 ounces, and joins Tony Parker, 3.

The paternal grandparents are Gary Morgan and Linda Morgan, both of Granite City.

Alexandra Moussette

DAVID AND NATASHA MOUSSETTE of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Alexandra Michelle Moussette was born at 6:12 p.m. May 22, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, and joins Aaron Michael Moussette.

Fred and Debbie Meinhardt of Granite City are the maternal grand-

parents.

Jasmine Jones

JATHON TAYLOR AND DEREK JONES of Granite City have announced the birth of their seventh child, a daughter.

Jasmine Alexis Jones was born at 7:06 a.m. May 23, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and joins Demarco, 12, Jessica, 10, Lindell, 7, Travon, 5, Diamond, 4, and Jamel 21 months.

The paternal grandmother is the maternal grandmother.

Amanda Patton

MICHAEL AND JEANNE PATTON of Granite City have announced the birth of their fourth child, a daughter.

Amanda Marie Patton was born at 11:10 a.m. May 26, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces, and joins Andrea, 11, Daniel, 8, and Hannah, 2.

Millie Spahn of Granite City is the maternal grandmother.

The paternal grandparents are Tom and Mary Patton of Granite City.

Bridgett Thomas

RAYMOND AND SHARNA THOMAS of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter.

Bridgett Angelica Thomas was born at 1:53 a.m. May 27, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and joins Brittan, 3, and Bree, 17 months.

The paternal grandparents are Carl and Jean Catlett of Granite City.

Brianna Eads

SHERRI AND PAUL EADS JR. of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Brianna Jade Eads was born at 8:17 a.m. May 27, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and joins Jacob Hutchings, 7.

The paternal grandparents are Paul Eads Sr. of Granite City and Gerri Alexander of Edwardsville.

Benjamin Klee

JAMIE RUSHING AND JEFF KLEE of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Benjamin Wyatt Klee was born at 8:59 p.m. May 29, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 8 pounds.

Carla and James Rushing of Granite City are the maternal grandparents.

The paternal grandparents are Carol Wyatt and John Klee, both of Granite City.

Austin Herman

MATT AND JOYCE HERMAN of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Austin Allen Herman was born at 1:05 a.m. May 30, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and joins Rachel, 16, and Stacey, 12.

Ralph and Margaret Mangan of Granite City are the maternal grand-

parents.

The paternal grandparents are Charlotte and Dale Doffin of St. Louis.

Gavin Grote

JEFF AND ANGIE GROTE of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Gavin Bryce Grote was born at 9:01 p.m. April 1, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces.

Roger and Patti Fountain of Granite City and Jerry and Donna McCormick of Edwardsville are the maternal grandparents.

The paternal grandparents are Betty and the late Norman Grote of Granite City.

Chaz Haller

TIMOTHY AND REGINA HALLER of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Chaz Allen Haller was born at 10:14 a.m. April 2, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and joins Rachel Patton, 10, and Gabriel Haller, 2.

Blane Miskell and Susan Eckmann both of Granite City are the maternal grandparents.

The paternal grandfather is Bernell Haller of Collinsville.

Abby Jameson

MATTHEW AND TINA JAMESON of Granite City have announced the birth of their fourth child, a daughter.

Abby Lynn Jameson was born at 6:31 p.m. April 21, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces, and joins Tina, 13, Matthew, 5, and Christina, 16.

Sueita and Kenny Koerberlein of Granite City are the grandparents.

The paternal grandparents are Paul and Nedra Jameson of Granite City.

The Journal will publish birth announcements up to six weeks following a child's birth.

Although most birth announcements are received from local hospitals, birth announcements may be sent to the newspaper.



Inducted—Twelve persons were received into the membership of St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. Church Council President Dr. Ron Trimmer introduced the proposed new members. Pastors Allen Reiter and Dennis McCarty officiated at the service of installation. A reception for the new members was held in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service. The new members are: (seated, from left) Marian Mertz, Linda Green, Vicki Beck, Penny Elliff, (standing, from left) Clyde Mertz, Terry Green, Steve Totten, Kathleen Robertson, Sonnet Weeks and Shaun Parker. (Not present: Amy and Norm Calvin.)

Multiple Sclerosis Society offers training

Training strategies, healthy eating, bike mechanics, and fund raising are all components of Cycling University, a multi-faceted training program offered by the Gateway Area Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

In partnership with the SSM Rehabilitation Institute, Cycling U. will be held Wednesday, June 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Gateway Area Chapter, 2500 Carlyle Road. The course is intended to prepare cyclists for the MS 150, a two-day, 150-mile bike tour on the rural roads of Missouri, scheduled for Sept. 12-13.

Cycling U. provides area cyclists with the tools needed for a successful ride, with information ranging from proper nutrition habits to motivational techniques. Students of Cycling U. will also sharpen their fund-raising techniques and learn how their participation in the MS 150 benefits people living with multiple sclerosis.

To register for the MS 150 or for additional information, call the Gateway Area Chapter at 1-800-FIGHT-MS. Or register on-line at www.mss.org.

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OBITUARIES

Florence

Haven-Kunick
FRANCIS A. (FRANK) HAVEN-KUNICK, 81, of Glen Carbon died Monday, June 8, 1998, at Eden Village in Glen Carbon.

She was born Oct. 26, 1916, in St. Louis, the daughter of the late Frank and Lucy Cooper Redmond. She married Everett Haven, who preceded her in death. She later married Frank Kunick, who also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a stepson, Frank Kunick of Minneapolis; a stepdaughter, Connie Hartline of Pontoon Beach; six grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bill Haven; and two brothers, Duke and Paul Redmond.

Mrs. Haven-Kunick was owner, operator and bookkeeper at Illinois Business Service in Granite City. She also worked at Granite City's Glick's location. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 12, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 13, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Nick Vasiloff
NICK D. VASILOFF died Wednesday, June 3, 1998.

He was born May 25, 1918, in Madison, Wis., the son of the late Docho and Maria Vasiloff.

He married Virginia Powell, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Victoria Vasiloff, and a sister, Eva Johannides.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dr. Vasil Vasiloff and Leo Vasiloff.

Mrs. Vasiloff had retired after a 45-year career as a nurse. For the past 10 years, he had been a part-time Assistant Attorney General, City Attorney of Madison, and attorney of Nameoki Township and Venice Township.

He was also a U.S. Army Second Lieutenant World War II veteran.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 20, at the Catholic Society of St. Louis, 9001 Clayton Road, Ladue, Mo.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Madison Bar Association Memorial Fund, 216 North Main, Edwardsville, 62025.

Nellie Brock
NELLIE M. (DEHART) BROCK, 97, of Granite City died Monday, June 8,

1998, at University Manor in Edwardsville.

Mrs. Brock was born Jan. 14, 1901, in St. Charles. She was a member of the Christian Church in Elmo, Mo.

Survivors include her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Brock, and her parents, Roy and Martha (Seasely) Dehart.

Graveside services were Wednesday, June 10, at Highland City Cemetery with the Rev. Shane Sauer officiating.

Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

Marguerite Milner
MARGUERITE L. (LIPSOMB) MILNER, 90, of Union, N.J., formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, June 4, 1998, at her residence.

Mrs. Milner was born Feb. 23, 1908, she moved to Granite City in 1916, where she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and graduated from Granite City senior High School in 1925 and Blackburn College in Farmingdale, N.J.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Milner Jr. of Kennelworth, N.J.; Robert Milner of Brandon, Fla.; and one brother, Robert Lipscomb Sr. of Granite City.

Survivors include her three sons, Arnold Milner, parents, George and Mary (Frazier) Lipscomb Sr.; three sisters, Marion, Herman, Marion Arnold, and Ruth; and four brothers, Donald, Henry, George Jr., and Charles Lipscomb.

At her request there was a graveside service at the Hollywood Cemetery Park in Union, N.J. on June 6.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Granite City.

Esther Huber
ESTHER M. HUBER, 83, of Granite City died Monday, June 8, 1998, at O'Fallon, Mo. She was born March 17, 1915, in Dubuque, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Huber.

Services were Wednesday, June 10, at St. Mary's, St. Charles, where she was buried.

The family requested spiritual Mass cards only.

George Ramach
GEORGE L. RAMACH, 74, of Edwardsville died Wednesday, June 3, 1998, at University Manor in Edwardsville.

Mr. Ramach was born Oct. 6, 1923, in St. Louis. He had worked as a staff reporter for the Madison County Circuit Clerk's office for 18 years and on the Madison Police Department. He was a Madison County Deputy Sheriff, and a member of the Presbyterian Church in Madison, Past member of the V.F.W. Post 7451, and was a U.S. Army WWI veteran.

Survivors include wife, Beatrice "Dot" Cretton; two sons, Michael Ramach of Milwaukee, Wis., and Kevin Ramach of Minneapolis, Minn.; one sister, Elona Mathis of Granite City; and two grandchildren, Daniel Ramach of Ashland, Ky., and Eugene Ramach of Madison.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Demeter and Anna (Roman) Ramach.

Services were June 5 at Weber Funeral Home in Edwardsville, with the Rev. James Baker officiating.

Mr. Ramach's remains were cremated.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Talking Books for the Blind.

Dorothy Noblin
DOROTHY M. NOBLIN, 33, of Madison died Friday, May 29, 1998.

Mrs. Noblin was born March 20, 1965, in Madison.

Survivors include her daughters, Latasha Noblin and Monica Clemons; her son, Marcus; and her mother, Rodney Gayden Jr., mother of James Noblin of Memphis, Tenn.; grandmother, Dorothy Harris of Memphis, Tenn.; eight sisters, Linda Johnson and Reponzel Johnson, both of Atlanta, Ga.; sister, Linda Johnson and Debra Noblin, both of St. Louis; Regina Johnson of East St. Louis; and Patricia Noblin and Lettie Noblin, both of Venice and eight brothers, including James, John, and Lorenzo Noblin all of Bakerfield, Calif., and Charlie Johnson.

Services will be held at New Salem Baptist Church, 1349 Glen Avenue, Venice, with the Rev. Larry Brown officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Milstead.

Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel handled the arrangements.

The family will publish obituaries up to two weeks following the funeral services. Although most obituaries are obtained from local funeral homes, obituary notices can be sent to the newspaper.

FUNERAL SUMMARY

Francis Clark Jr.

FRANCIS J. "FRANK" CLARK JR., 46, of Granite City died Monday, June 8, 1998, at his residence. Mr. Clark was born March 7, 1952, in Ridley Park, Penn.

Services were Wednesday, June 10, at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Dr. Lewis E. Trotter officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 600 South Federal St., Chicago, Ill. 60605.

Elbert Cochran

Elbert J. COCHRAN, 87, of Alton died at 3:10 a.m. Friday, June 5, 1998. A former Granite City resident, he was born April 3, 1911, in Henry Ridge.

Services were Monday, June 8, at Bethel Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Don Best officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon. Memorials may be made to the Bethel Chapel.

Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

Elvia Brown-Downs

ELVIA L. BROWN-DOWNS, 87, of Granite City died Sunday, June 7, 1998, at Edwardsville Care Center in Edwardsville. Mrs. Brown-Downs was born March 20, 1911, in Cumberland City, Tenn.

Services were Tuesday, June 9, at

Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Harold Maynard officiating. Burial will be 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, June 10, at Hillcrest Cemetery in Carlisle, Tenn.

Clarence McKee

CLARENCE W. "MAC" MCKEE, 73, of Granite City died Thursday, June 4, 1998, at Cassville Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. Mr. McKee was born July 23, 1924, in Granite City.

Services were Saturday, June 6, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Capt. Martin Colp officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Alyce Miller

ALYCE M. MILLER, 84, of Indianapolis, Ind., formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Mrs. Brown-Downs was born March 20, 1911, in Cumberland City, Tenn.

Graveside services were Monday, June 8, at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Myers Mortuary handled the arrangements.

Angie Moosehegan

ANGIE MOOSEHEGAN, 63, of Granite City died Sunday, June 7, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. Ms. Moosehegan was born Dec. 21, 1934, in Granite City.

Services were Wednesday, June 10, at Niedringhaus Methodist Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Gary Mosier officiating. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, June 11, at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Foundation of Niedringhaus.

Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

Richard Schneider

RICHARD H. SCHNEIDER, 68, of Granite City died Friday, June 5, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born in St. Clair County.

Services were Monday, June 8, at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City, with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association of the Queen of Peace School.

Jennifer Utage

JENNIFER L. UTAGE, 25, of Belleville died Wednesday, June 3, 1998. Ms. Utage was born June 24, 1972, in Belleville.

Services were Saturday, June 6, at George Renner and Sons Funeral Home in Belleville, with the Rev. Jack McVilly officiating. Burial was in Green Mt. Catholic Church in Belleville.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association of the Queen of Peace School.

Group targets children's stress

Children are often put into stressful situations arising from situations at home. Examples include divorce, money problems, sickness, moving, and having a new brother, sister or step-relatives.

Children should be taught how to handle their problems, and children should know when a problem needs to be shared.

Outside pressures resulting in stress include trying to get good grades; trying to make friends; participating in too many activities; going to a new school; dealing with bullies;

and being pressured to use drugs or join gangs. Stress is a part of life. Children should be taught how to detect and deal with stress problems.

Help is available if parents suspect their child may be experiencing stress.

Call CUPFUL National Alliance for the Mentally ill at 271-0527 or call Pamela Perry at (314) 868-8031.

Meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of the month at the Church of God, 1505 Market St. in East St. Louis.

AROUND THE AREA

Here's what happened around the Metro East in the past week:

Monroe County

Guide features several county sites

The Monroe County Tourism Committee announced recently that it has developed a guide to the widely distributed Illinois Weekend Getaway Guide.

There are several county sites featured in the "Ancient Lands and French Frontiers," one of the Guide's 18 tours.

The tour begins at Cahokia Mounds and continues south through Cahokia, Monroe County and on to Prairie du Rocher, Fort de Chartres, Fort Kaskaskia, Kaskaskia Island and Chester in Randolph County.

The guide suggests taking in the Monroe County scenery along Bluff Road and making stops at the Peterstown House and Waterloo Winery in Waterloo before going on to Maestown.

Copies of the Getaway Guide are available for tourists at highway rest stops and other tourist information areas.

More information on Monroe County is available by contacting state travel counselors at 1-800-2CONNECT or visiting the web at www.visitmonroecounty.com.

Tourism Committee telephone numbers are 939-5300 in Waterloo, 456-6660 in Maestown and 261-744 in Columbia.

MidAmerica Airport

MidAmerica comes through for TWA

For the second time in less than two weeks, a TWA plane landed at MidAmerica Airport to refuel.

The latest landing by a TWA plane after bad weather forced Lambert International Airport to reduce its landing capacity to a single landing per hour, MAA Director Rick Hargrave said.

The pilot was low on fuel after maintaining a landing pattern for several hours without the services of MAA, the pilot would

have been forced to return to an airport further away, such as Kansas City or Memphis, Tenn.

East St. Louis

R.J. All-Stars continue fight for kids

On a hot day at Woodrow Wilson School in Washington Park, Richard "R.J." Krause is doing what he does best: motivating young people.

About 500 children are members of the R.J. Krause All-Stars, a 19-year-old organization dedicated to getting young people to become better citizens.

A typical All-Star year includes 100 days of basketball, softball and cheerleading, 16 East Side and Lincoln football and basketball games, 14 Cardinals games, 10 Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville basketball games, 10 tennis, movies, bowling, visits to Six Flags and University of Missouri football games, and field trips to the St. Louis Zoo and other area attractions.

Krause, a teacher at Wilson, stresses the importance of education, saying no to drugs and violence, helping others and good sportsmanship.

Columbia

Expansion proceeds

The long-planned work to straighten and widen Parkway Drive in Columbia will begin on June 15 as scheduled.

Columbia City Council member Dan M. S.W. whose Hank's Excavating Co. of Belleville is contractor for the work by a 5-3 vote. The committee presented the low bid for the job — a little under \$450,000. It was about \$9,000 less than the next lowest bid, made by Illinois Excavators of Ruma.

O'Fallon

Growth eats up green space

Green space is disappearing in St. Clair County and being

replaced in many cases by asphalt and residential and commercial construction.

But city officials in fast-growing cities such as O'Fallon and Shiloh say they're making a conscious effort to save and preserve green space.

"If we are going to save to green space, this is the time to do it," O'Fallon Mayor Gary Graham said. "If we don't do it now, it'll be gone in two years."

Shiloh also is starting to set aside money to develop a park, City Engineer Norm Eling said.

If the village doesn't secure the land soon, it could become too expensive to develop in the future, he said.

The disappearing green space concerns St. Clair County Board member Robert Royance. He said the area also lacks recreational areas, which he said are desperately needed.

That's why he said the development of a bike trail along MetroLink is such a fantastic project, he said.

Collinsville

Funding cut for drug prevention

Counselors and educators say the need for drug prevention programs in Collinsville is critical, but a \$5.5 million state program still has been eliminated.

The State Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention Initiative Grants last year provided about \$78,000 to Collinsville's zero-tolerance Drug Effectively.

"We are in limbo right now and totally frustrated. I can't believe that anyone would cut money for these programs now," CODE Coordinator Linda Frutiger said. "We heard the governor is going to restore some of the funding, but we don't know how much or for what."

Frutiger said the grant covers both drug and violence prevention programs in Illinois school districts. When a unit doesn't qualify for the anti-violence funding through the grant, staff training and materials for sex education programs are covered by the grant.

Frutiger said that while cutting the grant money would seriously effect the quality of the program, projects already in place would continue on a limited basis.

Share and Care sessions at Shrine

The Family Life Ministry at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is holding Share and Care sessions on the third Thursday of the following months from 7 to 9 p.m.:

- June 18, "Program Review" presented by Mary Boedeker.
- Aug. 20, "Refreshing Body & Soul" presented by Brad Duhaime, M.S.W.
- Sept. 24, "Those Hidden Wounds" presented by Susan Edwards, L.C.S.W.
- Nov. 19, "Anger as a Healing Emotion" presented by Marilyn Wussler, SSM, M.S.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, a Single Again Conference conference will be held. All separated, divorced, widowed and single people are invited to attend.

BAC Offers college for Kids

Children can discover the secrets of the pyramids, create a quilt, learn about the wonders of nature and culture, and celebrate Mexican fiesta, all in the classroom this summer in the College for Kids program at Belleville Area College.

This summer educational enrichment program offers exciting and enriching workshops for children from kindergarten through the eighth grade. In recent summers, more than 600 children have participated in the program.

Workshops are offered at all three BAC locations from July 13-31. College for Kids workshops are scheduled for two hours per day, weekdays, for one week each. A new set of classes is offered each week. Many classes are offered more than once during the summer. Altogether, there are more than 75 different workshops ranging from Art Activities to Windows.

The classes range in price from \$18 to \$82. College for Kids T-shirts are available for \$8.

At the Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave., new classes being offered this summer include:

- Breaka Leg! — Students can learn about the performing arts by acting in radio shows, plays and commercials. Students will write, produce and perform in their own productions. The class is for grades 3-5. The fee is \$40.

- KidsConnect With Nature — Kids can learn about plants, animals and their environment through hands-on activities.

This course, taught by Jane Richard of the Missouri Botanical Garden, promises to help kids improve their science skills and knowledge. The fee for the course is \$40.

- PicturePerfect Project — Children can create a personal scrapbook of mementoes of family and friends while learning the decorating techniques such as photo cropping. The workshop is for children in grades 6-8. The fee is \$82.

- Hercules, Hydras & Heroes — Children will use games, puzzles and contests to learn about the mythical, magical monsters, gods and heroes of ancient Roman and Greek mythology. The class is for students in kindergarten through the second grade. There is also a session for grades 3-5. The fee is \$38.

- ArtActivities Through the Alphabet — Learn to make an art activity to go with every letter of the alphabet, such as painting a letter M or making a frog with the letter F. The class is for kindergarten through the third grade. The fee is \$40.

- StampingStampede — Create stamps to use on school folders, stationary, gifts, Christmas cards and clothing.

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SOCIETY

Wasson — 25 years



Mr. and Mrs. David Wasson today, above, and in 1973, below.



Mr. and Mrs. David Wasson of Highland were guests of honor at an open house in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary, held May 30, from 4 to 7 p.m., at First United Pentecostal Church.

A buffet dinner was served to approximately 130 guests. The tables were decorated with white tablecloths, red placemats and silver and red favors. In the center of each table was a silver doily with a silver vase which held a single red rose, fern and baby's breath.

The couple cut a three-tier wedding cake, and Linda gave David a bite. The cake was white and decorated with single red rose buds. Separating the first and second layers was a gazebo sheltering a bride and groom. Edging the second layer were fern tips and tiny silver rosebuds. The third layer was topped with silver-studded tools encircling a silver heart, with the silver brims with red candles, a silver punch bowl with fruit salad in it, and red cake napkins. The napkins were engraved in silver with a rose and "25 Wedding Anniversary," and "Linda and David Wasson." The rest of the room was decorated with a silver Happy Anniversary Banner, a table displaying their wedding pictures, and a large poster of pictures displaying their 25 years together.

David Wasson and his wife, the former Linda Hancock, were married June 1, 1973, at First United Pentecostal Church. Both are members of the church and have resided in Granite City, and now, Highland, since their marriage.

David Wasson is the son of Frank and Louise Rose Wasson, and was born in Fulton, Mo. He worked for Duke Manufacturing Co. as a drafting engineer.

The honorees also have four children: Tammy Dawn, Mark Scott, Ricky Lee, and Crystal Dawn Wasson.

Hosting the social event were Guy and Wilma Hancock, Dornice Kessler, Reba Gardner and Joan Falkenheim. Out-of-town guests were: Orville and Bert Wasson, Daniel and Sarah Wasson, Ronald and Linda Stutts and family, Steve and Sandy Ballew and family, Paul Wasson, William and Sharon Watson, Marie Watson, and Harry and Juanita DeLittle.

Queen applications available

Applications are now being accepted for the 1998 Miss and Little Miss Madison County Fair Queen pageants.

The pageants will be July 19, opening day of the Madison County Fair in Highland.

To be eligible to enter the 1998 Miss Madison County Fair pageant, contestants must:

- ✓ Be 16 years old and not turn 22 before Jan. 1, 1999;
- ✓ Be a resident of Madison County or attend school in Madison County;
- ✓ Never have been married or be a parent; and
- ✓ Never have competed in the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant.

Practices will begin in mid-June.

Miss Madison County Fair 1998 will serve as the official hostess of the Madison County Fair and will receive a scholarship, prizes and an all-expense-paid trip to the 1999 Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant.

To be eligible for the Little Miss Madison County Fair pageant, contestants must:

- ✓ Be a resident of Madison County or attend school in Madison County; and
- ✓ Be entering kindergarten this fall.

To enter the pageant, send the contestant's name, age, birthday, where she will attend kindergarten this fall, address, phone number and parents' name to: Wendy Hartlieb, director, 1307 Lindenthal Ave., Highland, 62249.

To enter either pageant, or for more information, call Wendy Hartlieb at 654-5089.



Jennifer Moniz and Brian Harshany
Moniz — Harshany

Jennifer Ann Moniz and Brian James Harshany were married April 4, 1998, at Peace Freewill Baptist Church, by the Revs. David Malone and Phil Warren.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara and Dennis Moniz of Granite City.

A graduate of both Granite City High School and Belleville Area College, where she earned an associate of science degree, Moniz is employed as a veterinary technician at Veterinary Specialty Services in Brentwood, Mo.

The groom is the son of Nancy and James Harshany, also of Granite City.

A graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a bachelor of science degree in education, he is currently employed as a physical education teacher at Coolidge Middle School in Granite City while attending SIUE graduate school to earn his master's in administration.

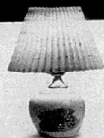
Chrissey Venarsky of Granite City, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jamie Turnipseed, sister of the bride, and Cherie Karius and Lana Maue, friends of the bride. Bethany Fritchard, cousin of the groom, served as flower girl.

Matt Gardner of Waterloo, friend of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Rich Scharden, Doug Duncan and Bryan Genterman, friends of the groom. Joey and Jacob Hall, nephews of the brides, served as ringbearers.

Ushers were Adam Moniz, brother of the bride, and Tim Black, friend of the groom, both of Granite City. The guest book was tended by Missy Bell and Susan McConnell.

A reception was held in Amvets Hall after the wedding. Following a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple now resides in Granite City.

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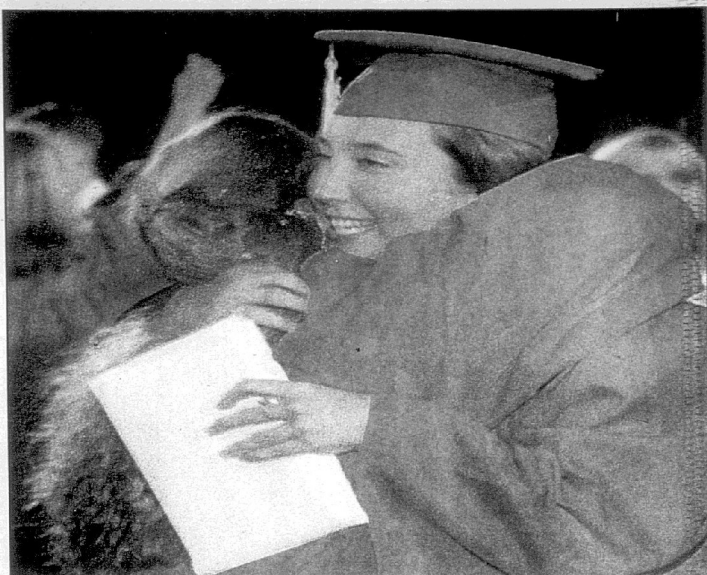
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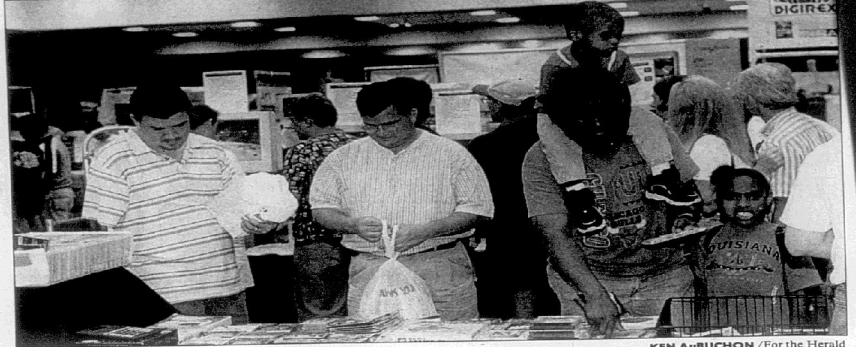
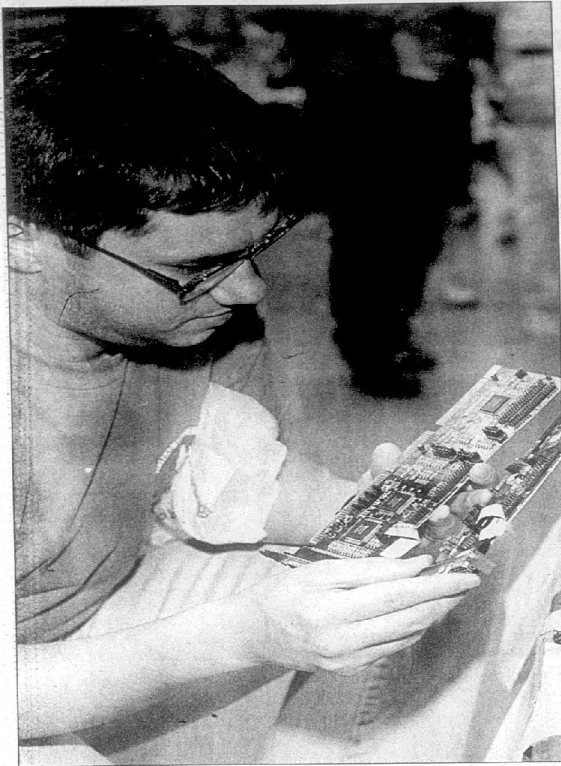


Above, Granite City High School graduate Melissa David straightens her cap while lining up for the graduation ceremony, which was held Friday night on the GCHS football field. At right, graduates Heather Passig, left, and Kristin Sollberger, right, embrace in the commotion following the ceremony. Below, members of the Granite City High School graduating class of 1998 toss their caps in the air and let loose with a shower of silly string and confetti at the conclusion of graduation ceremonies.

Photos by John Frese



Above left, salutatorian Salina Morlen reads her speech, "Life," to her classmates. Above center, two members of the graduating class file in at the start of the ceremony. Above, valedictorian Timothy Dittman delivers his address to the graduates, urging them to accept the challenges they will face as adults. Far left, GCHS guidance coordinator Michael Johnson watches at the graduates march out onto the field. Left, Sonya Switala helps classmate Sara Schwager straighten the collar of her gown.



KEN AUBUCHON / For the Herald

World of computers — Hundreds of people turned out for the computer show and sale held May 29, 30 and 31 at Gateway Center in Collinsville. In the photo at left Gene Zuratynsky of Swansea takes a close look at expansion cards that were available for sale. Above, patrons look over a display of software, while in the photo below a crowd looks over some computer game bargains.



Alton man sees bucks in baby shrimp

Tiny crustaceans from the ocean now make the great Midwest their home

By Dave Whaley
Staff writer

Jeff Shaw got his inspiration from late night television, although it appears to be something straight out of "Forrest Gump."

Like the unforgettable Tom Hanks character, Shaw is throwing himself full speed into the shrimp business. Whether Shaw makes a fortune at it like Gump did remains to be seen, but their arrival made for a big day at the end of a three-year process.

That's when Shaw and his wife, Jacqueline, opened the Lazy S Shrimp Ranch at 2425 State St. Thursday, their first shipment of 50,000 shrimp arrived from Charleston, S.C., and Shaw eagerly dropped them into one of his six above-ground tanks.

"This is like Christmas for me," Shaw said as he opened the box. "You bet I'm nervous. I hope they're alive."

Seconds later, the box was open and three plastic bags of shrimp — each one barely the size of a fingernail — were exposed to their new home in Alton.

The Shaws will watch the shrimp grow for 3-4 months before it's harvest time. The plan then is to accommodate retail sales to the general public as well as wholesale to commercial clients.

"People here will be able to buy fresh shrimp, rather than shrimp that's been frozen," Shaw said. "There's no one around here as far as I know doing anything on this scale."

Shaw was a carpet cleaner until about three years ago when he saw a program on public television about catfish farms in Mississippi.

The program then featured a shrimp farm in Texas.

"I just got hooked," Shaw said. "I had some saltwater tanks as a kid, so I was always interested in stuff like this. But this is pretty big. This is going to be our full-time occupation."

Jacqueline Shaw said her husband has had entrepreneurial ideas before, but this one seemed to make sense to her.

"As soon as we can get the office area fixed up, we should be open for business," she said. "We've talked to some of the grocery store chains and

they've indicated an interest, although nothing has been signed yet."

"We'll be happy to fill orders for the general public, too." With the first 50,000 Pacific white shrimp now swimming in their new home, the Shaws are expecting another order of 100,000 Pacific blue shrimp to arrive from Aruba in about two weeks.

"Because we can control the climate in here, we should be able to do this year-round," Shaw said.

"Each one is supposed to grow about two grams per week, but we're hoping to have them grow about 2.8 grams per week. In here, they won't be as susceptible to the elements."

Within 90 to 100 days, each shrimp should grow to about 9 inches long.

The shrimp will sell anywhere from \$8.50 to \$13.99 per pound.

Jacqueline Shaw said they have spent "tens of thousands of dollars" getting the Lazy S Shrimp Ranch up and running.

"The facility, in the basement level of the retail strip that

includes Depper's Restaurant and Pizza World, is 8,000 square feet and also includes a processing area.

"People can place their order by phone, come in and wait for their order to be processed," Jacqueline Shaw said.

"Because of fire safety rules, people can't go back to the grow out area. But we're going to try to set up some tours for commercial clients and the elementary schools."

The Lazy S Shrimp Ranch will be "Wranglin' the best shrimp on the range," according to its brochure.

Results of the first harvest won't be known for a few months, but the Shaws say they are hopeful.

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FAMILY

Party celebrates 60th birthday

Mrs. Betty Hogue celebrated her 60th birthday Saturday at a party given by her daughters, Pam and Lisa Hogue and Tracy Maas. A birthday luncheon was served to Ken Hill and Brittany Fullington of O'Fallon, Mo.; Donna Blair and granddaughters Noelle and McKayla of Vandana; Fred and Charlotte Strugel, Rick and Joann Strugel and son Chris, and a sister, Mary Chang, all of Highland. Also, Donnell White, Maurice Hogue (Betty's husband), Sue Crump, Robin Myers, Lisa Hogue and children Justin and Cheyenne, and Pam Hogue of Greenville. Tony and Dolores Murphy of St. Elmo, Tracy Maas and daughters, Aimee and Amber of Danvers, Mary Wegchid and Lemont Furman of St. Louis; Chris Lewis of Sandoval and Leona Williams (her mother), Kay Andersen and Tina Lyons of Granite City.



Maxine Green

new project for the month is to put dish towels for the church kitchen. Next meeting will be on July 7 in the home of Lois Bivens. Others present were, Norma Ross, Phyllis Knight. Guests were Chuck and Carrie Lupardus, LeRoy Taylor, Glen Knight and Dwayne Badgett.

Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens held the monthly meeting in the Senior Hall on May 19. Earl Edmiston opened the meeting followed by reading the minutes of the previous meeting by the secretary, Ruth Dagon. Entertainment was music by Everett Hudson, Pete Galenski, Ray Collins and Carl Horstmeier. Jim Hill gave the treasurer's report and Rose Edmiston gave the kitchen report. Those having anniversaries in June are John and Nellie Forrest and Paul and Edna Bennett and members having birthdays in June are Ruth Dagon, Marge Wuebbles, Otto KeKreher, Vanna Berkgiglar, Earl Edmiston, and Glodene Van Scoyk. Attending the meeting were Earl and Rose Edmiston, Helen Cholevik, Ethel Jateff, Mabel Kennerly, Ruth Dagon, Elly Malnor, Betty McGinnis, Harry and Janet Martin, Everett and Alice Hudson, Robbie Wilson, Edna Bennett, Art and Myrtle Thurston, John and Nellie Forrest, Pat Wallis, Edward and Glodene Van Scoyk, Mary Mize, Otto and Corrine Kreher, Lorraine Parkinson, Jim Hill, Mary May, Thelma Palle, Irene Karlechik, Marie Benson, and Ray and Marge Wuebbles.

A Barbecue and Pot Luck dinner was held by members of the Ruth class of the Calvary Baptist Church for the June meeting in the home of Pat Wallis. Eileen Badgett led in prayer for the requests that were given. Bernice Boyer gave a devotional on prayer. Ruth Dagon gave the secretary's report and Pat Wallis gave the treasurer's report. They were both approved. The

Soybean board to be elected

Soybean farmers in Clinton, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair counties will have an opportunity July 7 to choose the District 15 representatives who will help shape the future of the Illinois soybean industry as they elect directors to the Illinois Soybean Program Operating Board.

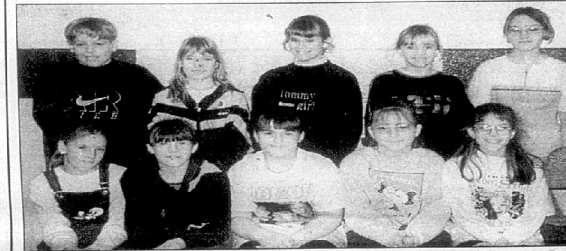
Carleen Paul of Worden and Lyle Wessel of Columbia will compete for the one vacant director's seat.

ISPOB members administer state soybean checkoff programs that invest in research, international and domestic marketing, and production and education. Half of the national soybean checkoff funds remain in Illinois for such programs and are administered by 18 board members elected to the ISPOB.

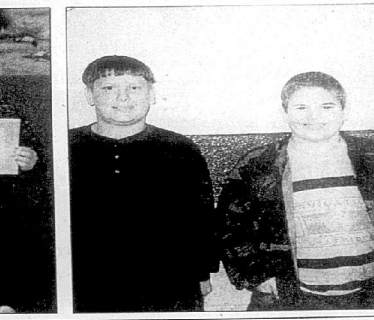
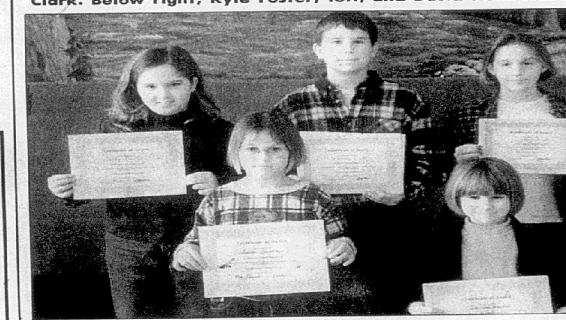
Voting will be at local Cooperative Extension Services offices. Written-in votes are allowed. Absentee ballots, along with a notarized affidavit, must be received at the Illinois Department of Agriculture no later than July 3.

Those elected to the ISPOB will serve a three-year term beginning Aug. 1. The Illinois Corn Marketing Board, the Illinois Sheep and Wool Marketing Board and the Illinois Beef Association also will hold elections the same day.

For more information, call the local Cooperative Extension Service office or the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Marketing and Promotions, P.O. Box 19281, State Fairgrounds, Springfield, 62794-9281; call (217) 782-6975.



Above left, DARE essay winners are, front row from left, Natasha Brewer, Casey Curless, Ashley Burnett, Keisha Wenthe, Hannah Sparks, Ashley Roberts; back row from left, Rusty Lockridge, Alicia Bodkin, Whitney Ruebhausen, Laura Hildebrand, Kelli Comer, Kristen Randall. Above right, Rusty Lockridge was the DARE essay representative for Frohardt School. He received the honor of reading his essay at the DARE graduation ceremony. Below left, Science Fair Medallion winners are, front row from left, Leanne Faulkner and Corrina Wendel; back row from left, Ashley Drury, Adam Connor, Rachel Clark. Below right, Kyle Foster, left, and David Heck were winners of the school's Geography Bee.



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Calvary Baptist plans Bible School

Calvary Baptist Church, 3000 Washington Ave., Granite City, will conduct Vacation Bible School between 6 and 8:30 p.m. June 14-19.

There will be a space-age theme this year — "StarQuest: A Galactic Good News Adventure." All children from 5 years old through those who have completed sixth grade are welcome. For more information, or to make arrangements for transportation call 877-0656 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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